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It's about the kids



I remember that sunny day years ago. I was taking my mom to her doctor's appointment in Andover, Mass. While mom was waiting to be called in, my cell phone rang. It was my dear friend Tom Brennan. Tom called to ask my advice. He had just been offered the position of superintendent of schools in Manchester and wanted to know if I thought he should accept the position. I told Tom that he needed to understand the magnitude of the job; that he would be going from running a small to medium district with a nearly 100-percent white, middle-class population to the largest, most diversified and needy student population in the state and, while exciting for someone who loves kids as much as Tom loved kids, it would sometimes bring heartaches and headaches unlike anything from his former district. I told him that I had first-hand experience with previous administrations, including ugly encounters that would cause anyone to lose sleep.

But, in the end, I told him that if he was able to make a real difference, I can only imagine the rewarding feeling that would come from knowing the impact that he had on those kids who needed him most.

We all know what happened. Just weeks before learning that he had a terminal illness, Tom resigned his position. In his exit interview with the Chamber of Commerce, Tom made a shocking statement. He said, "We should be an organization dedicated to the advancement of children, not the adults who work in the system. And we are not." This statement made front-page news.

Dr. Brennan passed away too soon. The world lost a great man. I wish that he could see that the kinds of reforms that he championed are being carried forward by Manchester's current superintendent, Dr. Debra Livingston. I have had the privilege of working with Dr. Livingston on the 1000 Mentors for Manchester project for over a year. It's a project that Dr. Brennan would've loved. Early on, we dedicated our efforts to Dr. Brennan.

But, now we need to dedicate our efforts to helping Dr. Livingston, for she is the one at the helm of the toughest education job in New Hampshire. I can only assume that, despite the steady hand she uses to guide the district, she encounters rough waters on a regular basis.

1000 Mentors is designed to actively involve the entire community in the education of Manchester's students. If the entire community participates, we can help Dr. Livingston turn the toughest education job in New Hampshire into the most rewarding education job anywhere.

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Primary update

Real estate mogul and TV celebrity Donald Trump announced his candidacy for president on June 16, just a day after Republican former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush made his announcement. While Bush is a frontrunner in New Hampshire, Trump barely registers in state polls.

Former HP CEO Carly Fiorina wrapped up a three-day visit to the state with stops in Londonderry and Milford. While in Milford, NHPR reported, the sole female Republican contender toured an electronics manufacturing company and spoke about her career and the importance of unlocking people's potential, a major theme of her campaign.

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton made her third stop in New Hampshire with her first public event for state residents in Concord, where she said she would propose a constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United if elected president. Bush visited the day after his formal announcement. The Boston Herald reported that many politicians are already predicting a Bush vs. Clinton race in 2016. Trump is also expected to hold an event in Manchester.

Recent visits by lesser-known Democrats also took place in New Hampshire. Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley made stops in Portsmouth, Dover, New Castle and Manchester on June 13. The day after, former Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee attended a Flag Day picnic in Sandwich, WMUR reported.

Louisiana's Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal is expected to make his bid official with an announcement on June 24. The day after, Republican Florida Sen. Marco Rubio will host a town hall meeting in Exeter.

While the Republican field has already swollen to a dozen candidates, New Hampshire Republicans don't want to leave anyone out. In a letter signed by more than 50 members of the state's GOP, they pleaded with Fox News to reconsider its decision to include only the top 10 candidates in its Aug. 6 debate in Cleveland, Ohio, NHPR reported. In response to the letter, Fox News announced plans to host a different forum for second-tier candidates while the Union Leader had earlier announced similar plans to host a candidate forum with fewer restric-

tions. State GOP leaders say that the cable channel's decision was a step in the right direction but the Union Leader reported many were dissatisfied that some candidates will be hurt by the exclusion.

Budget showdown

The House and Senate are negotiating over how to reconcile the different budgets written by the two chambers. NHPR reported the Senate plans to spend \$150 million more than the House. A committee of five state representatives and four senators is trying to bridge some of those differences. Meanwhile, Gov. Maggie Hassan has called on lawmakers to craft a bipartisan budget since Democrats in the minority in both chambers have been edged out of the process. However, bipartisan budgets like the one seen in 2013 are rare and arise when control of the Senate and House is divided between the parties. Budget negotiators hope to agree on a framework by June 18. Lawmakers and the governor must agree on a budget by June 30. However, the budget process is being affected by the 2016 elections, where many predict the governor will run for U.S. Senate. Republicans don't want Hassan to earn any points with voters. Activist groups are paying \$1 million for TV ads to attack Hassan during the negotiations and the state's GOP has started a "shutdown clock" raising the specter of a government shutdown if an agreement isn't reached by month's end. But head Republican lawmakers in the Statehouse say speculation of a shutdown is unfounded.

Veto override

Of the many things recently vetoed by Gov. Maggie Hassan, the first veto the House came together to override would block a bill that would make it legal to depict minors on beer labels, the AP reported. Rep. Keith Murphy sponsored the bill and told the Hippo he was surprised when Hassan vetoed it. Murphy owns a bar in Manchester and sells Founders Breakfast Stout on tap, but local beer stores can't sell it in bottle form because the label shows an illustration of a child eating from a bowl of oatmeal. The Senate must vote to complete the override.

Voting requirements

Gov. Maggie Hassan has threatened to veto a bill that would add a 30-day residency requirement to voter registration. NHPR reported this comes after a rally held by opponents of the bill, including the New Hampshire chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. New Hampshire is one of 11 states that have same-day registration. About 30 other states have a wait requirement similar to what this bill would create, though, unlike most of those states, New Hampshire does not provide a means of registration online or at the DMV.

Eversource sale

New Hampshire's largest utility, Eversource Energy, has filed plans to sell off its power plants with the state, the AP reported. While the settlement was filed with the Public Utilities Commission, it is reliant on a bill about to be signed by Gov. Maggie Hassan. According to Eversource, the sale would mean the cost of operating and upgrading the power plants will no longer be passed on to consumers. After the bill is signed, there is expected to be a series of regulatory hearings followed by a decision by the PUC.

Elementary principal

The principal of an elementary school in Concord stepped down amid accusations and a police investigation that he had physical contact with a student while trying to restrain him, the AP reported. John Forrest, the principal of Beaver Meadow Elementary School, was on paid leave since April. His resignation takes effect June 30.

Senior class T-shirts at **Concord** High School came under controversy when they arrived with offensive words and phrases such as "KKK" and "Go White," NHPR reported. A student sneaked the phrases into the design after it was approved.

A deadline set by **Manchester's** Board of Mayor and Aldermen to have Uber drivers undergo state background checks has passed without checks being completed. However, the Union Leader reported one Uber driver has elected to volunteer his background check info: Alderman Pat Long.

The farmers market in **Salem** has changed locations. The Union Leader reported the Salem Farmer's Market moved from the Lake Street Garden Center to the Salem Market Place on North Broadway.

Concerned about how the development of more than 150 apartments in **Nashua** will affect traffic, the city planning board has put off a vote to sign off on the construction, the Union Leader reported.

The school's assistant principal has agreed to fill in for him temporarily.

Liquor deal review

After a \$1 million settlement was reached between the state's liquor commission and Law Warehouses of Nashua, Senate President Chuck Morse called for a legislative inquiry into the contract bidding process, which Law has argued was stacked against them, the Union Leader

reported. Law had held the contract for years but the new, 20-year \$200 million contract was awarded to Exel Logistics of Ohio. Documents acquired by Law appear to demonstrate backroom dealing between NHLC and Exel before the bidding period concluded and the state is expecting a new lawsuit trial involving a third bidder for the contract, XTL-NH, in October. 🌩

BEST WEEK

ROBIN HOODERS

The New Hampshire Supreme Court has ruled in favor of the protesters in Keene who followed parking attendants and fed expired parking meters. NHPR reported the court said these so-called "Robin Hooders" cannot be sued for damages and that their actions are protected under the first amendment as long as they remain nonviolent. The court did pass the case back down to superior court, which can consider a possible buffer zone to protect parking attendants. The city argued that the protesters, affiliated with the libertarian Free Keene group, were harassing parking attendants with taunts, profanities and sometimes bumping into them.

WORST WEEK

MANCHESTER APARTMENT TENANTS

After testing revealed widespread lead exposure in at least 72 Manchester apartments, 13 tenants are suing the landlords. The lead exposure happened after an unpermitted sand-blasting operation, according to the Union Leader. Tenants in the suit want to be released from their leases and paid damages. Children and at least one pregnant woman were living in the affected units of the Lofts at Mill West owned by Brady Sullivan. Brady Sullivan blames the contractor and refuses to release the tenants from their leases. No negative health effects have been reported, but state officials say this is the largest building to experience a significant lead problem.

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NEWS

Looking for homes

Shortage of foster homes hurting kids in the system

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State officials and nonprofits say the shortage of foster homes in the state is already having damaging effects on child development and reunification efforts with their birth parents. With the opioid epidemic contributing to a rise in the number of kids entering the system, those effects are likely to worsen.

Foster care and adoption

Kathleen Companion is a foster care manager with New Hampshire's Division of Children, Youth and Families. She says the roots of the shortage go back to 2006, when the foster care system merged with the adoption process.

"Once the systems were combined, a lot of our very experienced, longer-term foster homes adopted the children that were in their care already, that, over the course of time, had become legally free. And then they were full," Companion said.

The merge was a reflection of a growing trend nationwide emphasizing permanency for kids. In other words, too many foster children were stuck in a state of foster limbo, so changes in federal law incentivized adoption by giving states a certain dollar amount linked to the number of kids who got adopted the year prior. Companion said that while this is a good thing for the children who have already developed relationships with foster parents, it means greater turnover with foster homes.

There are about 600 licensed foster homes in the state, but Companion said at least 200 of those are either full with the six-child maximum or they don't have space for more kids.

"One thousand or so kids [are] in care on a regular basis," Companion said. "Then, over the course of the year, generally 1,000 more will come in as some go home and some get adopted."

Companion said many of those are kids in the juvenile justice system, but, of the children who enter state care due to abuse or neglect, she estimated about a third go to group homes or treatment programs.

"A majority of our cases are neglect cases, not physical abuse cases," Companion said.

That means there's often a chance for reunification, which means returning the children to their birth parents after the circumstances that led to state intervention are resolved.

There's been a push in that direction. Companion pointed to a training program called Better Together with Birth Parents that helps develop a dialogue with birth parents. She said DCYF makes an effort to include birth parents in the foster process in some cases.

But that can act as a deterrent for some

looking to become foster parents, according to Deb Bradley, a foster parent in Bow.

"We are having a shortage of [foster] homes because most of the homes that we're licensing that I've seen of late, they're not just general foster homes. They're in it for a specific reason," Bradley said.

The specific reason is adoption, according to Bradley. And since the two systems combined, the licensing process for adoption is the same for foster homes. Bradley says the old system worked better at developing reliable and less selective foster homes.

"We need people out the door that are just willing to foster," Bradley said. "If you're specifically looking to just adopt, a lot of those people are looking for younger children and there's such a need across the board."

The state has been trying to get more people licensed. It contracted organizations like Child and Family Services to get the word out and encourage people to become foster parents. CFS stresses that folks don't have to be married or homeowners to be foster parents.

But state money is tight. Companion said the foster stipend has either stayed the same or decreased since 2009.

Juggling act

Bradley used to be near the top of the list of foster parents the state would call when they had kids removed from a crisis situation or if they needed her to provide "emergency" care on a temporary basis whenever a more permanent foster home was unavailable. Over the course of nine years, Bradley's home has been host to eight long-term placements, about 15 to 20 crisis kids who were delivered by police cruiser and about 10 to 15 who arrived for temporary emergency care.

Now, Bradley's home is full, with one adopted girl and a sibling group of three foster kids aged 4, 5 and 7, whom she plans to adopt this summer.

"My sibling group was actually out of Nashua," Bradley said. "They came to me in a crisis placement."

Luckily, Bradley was able to take all three siblings. But there was a time when she had to take a child who was separated from her siblings who were placed with another family. It took two years before they were reunited.

"Siblings are being split up," Bradley said. "That's a big thing happening."

She said the demand is always high for foster homes that can take groups of kids.

"I know of sibling sets of five and more

and to find a home that can take that many children is just very unusual," Bradley said.

She said being separated from a sibling can sometimes be worse than losing a parent, since siblings understand each other.

Kids are also getting bounced around from temporary home to temporary home. Companion at DCYF said it's not uncommon for a child to be juggled between homes before settling in a more permanent location.

"We don't want kids bouncing around ... because there are no openings," Companion said. "I think it happens more and more. ... Our numbers of children we serve go up, and the numbers of foster homes go down."

And this compounds the emotional challenges these children are facing.

"They've already been traumatized by what happened to them in their home," Companion said. "It can be further traumatizing for that child to have to go live with a stranger and a week later you're asking them to go live with another set of strangers."

Service providers want to keep the foster kids in their home communities, but instead they're being sent far away because options are limited closer to home.

"Often times, kids are traveling pretty far distances in order to find a foster home," Companion said.

Companion has been increasing the number of waivers she files to allow certain foster homes to exceed the license cap of six kids. But that's just a stop-gap measure.

Ripple effects

The shortage of foster homes is also being felt in group homes and treatment centers like Mount Prospect Academy in Plymouth.

"The lack of foster care really has a ripple effect throughout the whole population of services," said Jeff Caron, director of admission. "When you decrease the number of foster families, it impacts even our industry."

He said when kids are without a family or a foster family to encourage them and care for them, it creates a hopeless situation for them.

"[Having a foster family] makes the treatment go a lot quicker and a lot more positively," Caron said.

The number of children who have nowhere to go after treatment is climbing, according to Caron. That means they stay longer.

And David Villiotti at the Nashua Children's Home echoes that, saying his facility is at capacity and so are many others. Right now, he's turning new admissions away.

“One thousand or so kids [are] in care on a regular basis.”

KATHLEEN COMPANION

Less rowdy crowd

Aging biker population could be making Bike Week safer

By Ryan Lessard
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Over the past two decades, the crowd at Bike Week has gotten older. It's likely gotten richer. And the event — officially known as Laconia Motorcycle Week — has gotten safer. Officials say new rules and regulations, from a ban on camping out on the side of the road to prohibiting non-motorcycle vehicles from certain areas, have played a part in both the increased safety and the change in demographics.

Who bikes?

A 2012 study conducted to gauge the economic impact of Motorcycle Week and efforts by the state to market the event shed light on the demographics of the event. Of the roughly 13,500 attendees surveyed, 44.6 percent were between the ages of 36 and 50, while another 47.1 percent were older than 50. That's a total of nearly 92 percent older than 36. And most of them — 76.8 percent — were men.

"The image is that the motorcycle community is getting older," said Charlie St. Clair, the longtime executive director of the Laconia Motorcycle Week Association.

While the average biker is an older male, the clubs that participate in Bike Week are diverse. Some are extensions of charity organizations and social clubs like the Elks Lodge, the Rotary Club or the Freemasons. Some are outlaw biker gangs like Hell's Angels.

"I don't refer to any of them as gangs, but other people do," St. Clair said.

Laconia Police Chief Chris Adams says he tries to keep the peace with those groups by maintaining a working relationship with them. Still, Adams said, it helps that rivals to the Hell's Angels typically don't come to Motorcycle Week wearing full colors.

"Anybody who has motorcycling in their blood is welcome here," St. Clair said.

Why the change?

Police and event organizers like St. Clair might disagree on what led to some of the riots of the mid to late 20th century, but they both agree times are changing.

"We have rules ... and for the most part, people abide by them," St. Clair said.

But it wasn't always like that. Captain William Clary of the Laconia police department said as recently as 20 years ago, disorderly conduct, public drinking and a high arrest rate were commonplace.

"In the late '90s, we had several issues," Clary said.

Clary credits city and state regulations for resolving some of those issues, like traffic and public drinking, but zoning rules might have

played the biggest part.

"People would just pop a tent on the side of the road," Clary said. "Over the years, that's one of the reasons why this used to be a relatively inexpensive week."

Now, if bikers want to stay for the festivities, they must pay for lodging, because it's illegal to camp in areas not specifically designated for that purpose. That may have outpriced a younger crowd.

"The demographics have changed. Part of that is because of the economy," Clary said. "It's not a cheap vacation."

St. Clair said the hobby itself isn't cheap.

"It's an expensive passion, so someone who is 19 years old ... [isn't] likely to be able to take a week off from work," St. Clair said.

The 2012 study confirms this. It also looked at income. The majority of survey respondents reported incomes higher than \$50,000. In the income range of \$51,000 to \$75,000, attendees counted 27.6 percent, while 48 percent of respondents received more than \$75,000 in annual income.

Even changes as simple as traffic management have made it harder for younger people to participate.

"Lakeside Avenue is only open to motorcycles the whole week," Clary said. "Once we removed the younger teenagers and 20[somethings] arriving in pickup trucks, we've seen a decline [in arrests]. ... We still issue a few tickets for drinking in public, but those aren't at the numbers they used to be."


Clary said the city used to tow 100 to 150 vehicles over a weekend. That's down to about 10 to 15.

Off to a good start

Motorcycle Week kicked off in Laconia on June 13 with a sunny weekend and no major problems. And organizer Jennifer Anderson says that bodes well for turnout for the rest of the week as people post pictures of the event on social media. Anderson is predicting the number of visitors to reach about 300,000 this year. Record turnout for the event was in 2004 when there were more than 400,000. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota, so organizers are keeping their turnout estimates conservative, assuming that some bikers who can only attend one motorcycle event this year may choose that one over Laconia's. Laconia Police Chief Chris Adams says other than a handful of alcohol-related arrests, it's been fairly quiet. The chief counted two DWIs, five public intoxication cases, one disturbance, one stolen motorcycle and a vehicle accident over the first weekend. Other than that, the event has seen no major problems.


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Outgoing chief

Manchester's top cop retires

Chief David Mara joined the Manchester Police Department in 1986 and has served as chief for about 7 1/2 years. As chief, he directed a major reorganization of the department, establishing six divisions headed by captains and eliminating two assistant chief positions in favor of more street cop supervisors. He led the way for the construction of the police station on Valley Street, issued tasers for everyone on the force and expanded neighborhood watch groups. When Officer Dan Doherty was shot in 2012 (the only officer shot during Mara's watch), his life was saved by a fellow officer's tourniquet. Mara later made sure everyone on the force had a tourniquet and was trained to use it. While Mara has been openly in favor of emphasizing substance abuse treatment over incarceration, he has been harder on small gangs that were behind a number of violent skirmishes and shootings in the summer of 2014, leading a multi-agency outreach effort to at-risk youth and warned them of the steep penalties that come with gun and gang-related crimes. One of Mara's last official acts was swearing in his son, Matthew Mara, as a Manchester police officer last summer.

Q: *As chief, you've been behind a number of major changes at the police department. What are you most proud of?*

I'm proud of what we — and I'd like to stress 'we' — have done [toward community outreach] as a department. Because ... I feel the officers have gone out there and ... connected with the community.

Are there any unfinished projects your successor will hopefully take up in your absence?

What I wanted to do when I first became chief was I wanted to reorganize the department, I wanted to get more manpower, get more officers out on the street, I wanted to do community outreach — I really wanted to aggressively do community outreach — I wanted to get our officers more training, better equipment, new building. We were able to do most of those things. I set out with the goal of getting 250 police officers. ... We've gotten approval for 237. So what I'd like to see done is us to continue to increase our complement as well as continue our community outreach. I'd like to get more minority police officers as well.

From what you've learned in Manchester, what advice would you give to other police departments in the state?

Get the community involved in what you are doing. ... Everybody looks at all the differences we might have, but what everyone has in common, what I've found — you can be talking to a businessman or you could be



Chief David Mara

talking to a refugee that just arrived in the country — what they are concerned about is safety and quality of life. If we can all work together to improve everybody's safety as well as the quality of life,

that is what you need to do to accomplish your goals.

Your son Matt is following in your footsteps, serving as an officer in the MPD. What sort of things do you think he'll face in the coming years?

One of the things that I'm most proud of is he gets the opportunity to work with ... some remarkable people. He will have a career here with some just inspiring men and women. What I think he and all the young officers are going to have to face and the police department is gonna have to grapple with is this whole heroin addiction. It's an epidemic, and the associated crime and social problems that accompany it is what they're going to have to face. The community as a whole is going to have to face it, and that's not just in Manchester. I think it's a crisis, and I think that we need to do something collectively as a nation to address this problem.

What's next for you?

I'm exploring a few opportunities but, in the immediate future, I'm gonna reconnect with some extended family members as well as friends that I haven't been able to spend that much time with for the last seven years and spend a lot more time with my family. I'm excited about Nick Willard becoming chief, and I look forward to see the things he's gonna do with the police department now.

— Ryan Lessard

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QUALITY OF LIFE INDEX

Domestic violence study

The National Network to End Domestic Violence released its one-day study from September 10, 2014. The AP reported 286 people in New Hampshire were served by domestic violence programs while another 22 were turned away — mostly because there wasn't available space for emergency housing assistance. Of those victims who were served, 145 were provided emergency or transitional housing and 123 received counseling and other services. The New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence says this points to the need for more funding.

QOL Score: -1

Comment: *The NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence doesn't provide direct victim services but advocates for public policies that better protect victims.*

Elderly stuck in hospitals

A study by the Foundation for Healthy Communities found that elderly hospital patients are experiencing extended stays at hospitals after they've been medically discharged. The reasons varied. Of the 516 people surveyed in 21 New Hampshire hospitals who stayed at least three months after being discharged, more than 60 percent were unable to access a nursing home bed. Nearly a third were uninsured, underinsured or waiting for Medicaid eligibility.

QOL Score: -1

Comment: *FHC's executive director Shawn LaFrance told the Hippo inability to access nursing homes can be caused by anything from a shortage of beds to lack of resources.*

Hot market

Realtor.com has ranked the Manchester-Nashua real estate market among the top 20 hottest in the nation. This spring, buying and selling happened early, and things priced where they should be in decent neighborhoods were scooped up in days, said Jerome Duval during an interview with NHPR. Right now there are more buyers than sellers on the market, and buyers are of all ages, from millennial first home-owners to retirees looking to downsize.

QOL Score: +1

Comment: *The Manchester-Nashua area was 18th on the list. Rounding off the top three areas were Denver, San Francisco and San Jose. The Boston-Cambridge-Newton area was the only other in New England to make the top 20 spots.*

Calder Cup win

The Manchester Monarchs completed their most successful season in franchise history last Saturday with a 2-1 win in Game 5 of the Calder Cup Finals, winning the series 4 games to 1, according to a Union Leader article. This is the first time the Monarchs have won the cup in franchise history (though forward Josh Gratton, defenseman Jeff Schultz and head coach Mike Stothers have each won Calder Cup rings for other teams).

QOL Score: +1

Comment: *Next season, the Monarchs will remain in pro hockey as members of the ECHL, which competes for the Kelly Cup.*

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SPORTS DAVE LONG'S LONGSHOTS

June 18 is quite a day



Today is June 18, a date with a rather large share of historically significant and/or memorable events that caused a real ruckus around here. So with the Red Sox currently ruining our summer, deflategate on pause

until **Roger Goodell's** kangaroo court for **Tom Brady** is held, and the winter play-offs finally over, here's a look at some of the events to happen on this day.

1924 – George Mikan is Born: The NBA's first great big man and vital cog when the Lakers dynasty started, as Minneapolis won five titles before he abruptly retired. As a nice side note, when a down-on-luck Mikan died in 2005, the last great Lakers center, **Shaq**, offered to pick up the expenses on his funeral.

1938 – Babe Ruth Joins Brooklyn: They couldn't have liked it in the Bronx when Babe became first base coach for the Dodgers. But after Yankees owner **Colonel Ruppert** shot down his ambition of managing by saying, "If you can't manage yourself, how are you going to manage a team?" he hoped it would lead to that job elsewhere. But it didn't. The lesson: Don't be a doofus just 'cause you can, because it'll bite you on the way down.

1939 – Lou Brock Is Born: He's a reminder of how a great trade can turn a season around. It came in 1964 when the .251-hitting youngster went from the Cubs to desperately in need of a spark St. Louis. By hitting .348 and stealing 33 bases over the last 100 games Brock gave them that, as they squeaked past Cincinnati and collapsing Philadelphia the final weekend to win the pennant after being 11 out with 39 to play and then went on to beat the Yankees in the Series. Making it worse, Chicago got just seven wins in total from star hurler **Ernie Broglio**, who they got back.

1941 – Joe Louis KO's Billy Conn: A shocking fight where the light heavyweight was way ahead on points before stupidly going for the knock-out in the 13th and got KO'd himself. Years later Conn said to Louis, why couldn't you let me hold the title for a year or two?, to which he responded, "You had it for 12 rounds and couldn't hold it." While **Jackie Robinson** and **Muhammad Ali** get the credit for civil rights gains through sports, other main contributors like Louis, **Jesse Owens** and **Larry Doby**, who died on this day in 2003, are lost in history. But they were trailblazers too, though in ways the times allowed, when Louis was condescendingly said to be "a credit to his race."

1948 – Robin Roberts Debuts: The great '50s Phillie won 286 games but is the cautionary tale to **John Henry's** no long-term deals

for pitchers over 30, as he won 20 games six times by 28 and never did it again. Probably because he threw 300-plus innings all six times. After that it was 12 per over the next 11 years.

1960 – Arnold Palmer Wins the Open: He was Tiger before there was Tiger without the career flameout. He gave life to golf because people loved Arnie like no other golfer, especially as he won his only U.S. Open at the height of his game.

1972 – Jack Nicklaus Wins the Open at Pebble Beach: This tied **Walter Hagan's** record of 11 major titles in a run that didn't end until he won his 18th at 46 in the 1986 Masters. Add the 18 to 19 second- and 9 third-place finishes at majors to just one of those by Tiger and it spells greatest ever.

1972 – Curt Flood Loses in the Supreme Court: Many think free agency came from Flood suing baseball. Not so, as on this date the high court upheld baseball's exemption from antitrust laws. It actually came via a federal arbiter's 1976 ruling. Curt just started the battle.

1975 – Fred Lynn Knocks in 10: Even though the stats were almost identical as rookies **Fred Lynn** and **Jim Rice** burst on the scene, Lynn had the magic, especially when he hit three homers and a triple that missed going out by about four inches as he drove in 10 during a 15-1 win in Detroit that made The Nation feel like it was their year.

1976 – Bowie Kuhn voids Sale of Rudi, Fingers and Blue: It started when knowing his team was about to be decimated by free agency, penurious A's owner **Charles Finley** sold **Rollie Fingers** and **Joe Rudi** to Boston at \$2 million and with the rivalry in full bloom **George Steinbrenner** responded by buying electric lefty **Vida Blue** for \$1.5 million. It made fans on both sides giddy until the commissioner canceled them on "best interest of baseball" grounds, making Finely go berserk.

1977 – Billy Martin and Reggie Jackson Dugout Duel: With the **Wade Miley** flap fresh in our minds, let's remember that these guys nearly came to blows in full view of a packed house at Fenway. It happened during a 16-homer barrage weekend sweep of NY when a jogging Jackson turned a **Jim Rice** single into a double. Martin didn't like that and yanked Reggie in mid-inning, making the crowd delirious and sending them on a collision course.

2000 – Tiger Woods Wins U.S. Open at Pebble Beach: It started the best calendar of golf anyone has had in my lifetime when he won all four majors and six straight tournaments at one point. He went 16 under to win the 100th Open by an astonishing 15 shots.

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M's win first Calder Cup

The Big Story: There are ways to end a team's run in its home city and then there is the way the AHL version of the Manchester Monarchs ended their 14-year run in town: by winning its first ever Calder Cup championship. That came Saturday night in a 2-1 win over the Utica Comets, that could only have been better if it came on home ice at the world famous Verizon Wireless Arena. Goals from **Adrian Kempe** and **Vin LoVerde** stacked the Ms to a 2-0 lead that they held most of the way until a meaningless late goal ended **Patrik Bartosak's** shutout bid with 14.8 seconds remaining. Congrats to all.

Sports 101: Who has fouled out the most times in NBA playoff history? Hint: It's a Celtic.

Big Story II: The huge rivalry game between Pinkerton and Bishop Guertin lacrosse went to the Astros on Saturday in a 9-7 win. It was Pinkerton's best ever 10 state lacrosse titles and ended BG's five-year reign as Division I champ. In addition to a solid defense that kept the favored Cardinals at bay, **Brett Dattillo** led the way on offense with two goals and three assists

The Numbers

1:49 – into the second OT when **Will Sheppard** scored to give the Trinity laxsters a 10-9 win over Laconia that sent them to the Division III Finals, where they won the title with a 7-6 win over Pelham.

4 – consecutive years the Trinity baseball teams have had to hire a new baseball coach after 2015 coach **Teri Gatzoulis** stepped down

after going 27 years without having to do it during the tenure of **Eddie Poisson**.

8 – homers for F-Cats first baseman **KC Hobson** after hitting two in a 9-1 win over the Akron RubberDucks as **Matt (boy oh) Boyd** picked up his sixth win after surrendering just one run and two hits in seven innings.

16 – hits and runs recorded by the Bedford baseball team when it rolled over top

while **Jack Hannaway** added a pair of goals.

Nick of Tyme II Award: To Goffstown's **Sam Shearin**, who got the game-winner in G-town's 9-8 win over Derryfield in the Division II Lacrosse final with a mere 12.8 seconds left.

Ken Dryden Award: To Monarchs relief goalie **Patrik Bartosak** for getting the 6-3 win in Game 4 over Utica in his first professional playoff game and the aforementioned 2-1 series clincher after **Jean-Francois Berube** went down in Game 3.

Out-of-Town News: Yes, that was **Rich Berberian Jr.** of Windham Country Club teeing off at 12:12 our time today in Round 1 of the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay. He qualified by carding a 140 two-day score at Purchase, N.Y.

What a Stupid I'm Not Award: A typo last week said "no" rather than "no non-" Celtic has ever been in five straight NBA Finals as **LeBron James** was this year.

Sports 101 Answer: The all-time playoff foul out leader is Celtics defensive grinder **Satch Sanders** with 26. 🐾

seed Pinkerton 16-0 to move onto the Division Finals when **Brett Veilleux** was the offensive star with four hits and five RBI while **Grayson Jennings** and **Nick Angeli** combined for the shutout. The charge ended via a 7-1 loss to Spaulding.

18 – hits hammered out by the F-Cats during a 14-1 win vs Altoona when **Dallas Pompey** drilled two homers and knocked in four runs. 🐾

Sports Glossary

Larry Doby: Cleveland slugger who integrated the AL less than two months after **Jackie Robinson** did so in the NL. Somehow no one remembers that, as evidenced by Robinson's 42 being retired by all of baseball, with nothing remotely comparable for Doby. In all he hit 283 homers, won two homer titles and played in seven All-Star games.

Jesse Owens: Track all-timer who shot down **Adolf Hitler's** myth of "Aryan superiority" in front of his eyes as he watched in the Dictator's Box by winning four golds at 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

1964 Philadelphia Collapse: The doozy of all collapses. After years of mostly horribleness the Phillies grabbed the NL lead early and were up 6½ games with 12 to play and then lost 10 straight as **Gene Mauch's** decision to go with a two-man rotation backfired.

Gene Mauch: The '60s/'70s **Joe Maddon**, who everyone thought was the smartest guy in baseball. But an overall 1934-2037 record while winning no pennants and managing two 3-1 ALCS collapses to Milwaukee and Boston in '81 and '86 with California that doesn't sound like genius-level work to me.

Ken Dryden: Six-time Stanley Cup-winning goalie with Montreal. Most notably in 1971, when with just six minor-league games following his graduation from Cornell he keyed a shocking upset of the mighty **Bobby Orr-Phil Esposito** Bruins and again over Espo's brother Tony and Chicago in the final. Making matters worse, the Bruins drafted, then traded him to Montreal in their dumbest move ever.

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Smoking 101

Experts give the low-down on cooking low and slow

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Loving smoked meat is human instinct, said Kevin Cornish, owner of KC's Ribshack in Manchester. After all, until 200 or so years ago, it was the only way to do it. Everything was cooked, not over the stove or in the oven, but over a smoky fire.

"I think it takes more than a couple hundred years for people to get rid of that

instinct," Cornish said during a phone interview. Plus, "There's also something about barbecue — there's a camaraderie about it. It's associated with people getting together, having a cold beer and a good time. It's a lot more fun than making a casserole."

Cold smoking

There are two ways to smoke meat. One is via cold smoking. Generally, this is done by experts; it requires more skill,

experience and costs more than hot smoking, said Brian Nassif, chef and manager at the Flying Butcher in Amherst.

Using this method, food is smoked at low temperatures — Nassif said around 100 degrees, give or take. Food isn't necessarily cooked using the cold method (think smoked salmon or smoked cheddar cheese). Rather, it gives the food its flavor. It also, to an extent, helps preserve the meat, one reason people began the practice thousands of years ago.

"When you cold smoke, you dehydrate the food to an extent," Nassif said. "The smoke will eliminate bacteria, and it also helps to dehydrate the food — the moisture is what will make most of those proteins go bad."

Cornish said preservation qualities also come from curing the meat, typically done before smoking. Plus, he said, smoky flavors made it so other critters wouldn't want to eat it. Insects, for instance, hate the smell and taste of smoky food.

Hot smoking

Today, smoking is mostly done for flavor, and it's usually done via the hot method, around 200 degrees or higher for hours on end. (Using this method, the meat actually gets cooked.)

"That temperature causes all the fats and connective tissues to break down and melt together. It creates this richness and tenderness in meats like pork, fatty beef and some poultry," Nassif said. "It also creates very intense depth of flavor, and that's something you can't do with regular barbecue."

Cornish said his sweet spot is between 210 and 250 degrees, 12 to 14 hours depending on what's being cooked. Think low, think slow. With some items, you just have to have patience and faith. The effect is not unlike using a slow cooker for stew meat.

"If you're cooking pork butt for seven to nine hours, it will start to tighten up. Most people will think, 'Oh, I've gone too far,'" Cornish said. "But then there's this thing that happens at 12 to 14 hours, when all those muscles that were tightening up give up their fight, and the collagens [tissues around the muscle] break down."

But on the flip side, you should never cook by time.

"Everything we cook is by feel, which is easier said than done; with a rack of ribs, we'll go and twist between the bones to see if it's getting tender. That's something you need to learn," Cornish said.

Not just throw-away items

Hot smoking food breaks down most of what's cooked at barbecue restaurants — ribs, brisket, pork — transforming these ordinarily tough meats into delicacies.

"These used to be like throw-away items. They were what the butchers didn't really want, and that's how smoking developed in the deep South in, you know, some of the poverty-stricken areas, because they were able to get these meats so inexpensive," Cornish said.

For beginners

Smoking meat, Cornish said, is not very hard but it is time-consuming. KC's has smokers running 24 hours a day, seven days a week. He suggests beginners start out with ribs or pulled pork.

"The nice thing about pulled pork is that if you cook it long enough, it's kind of hard to screw up. Brisket is temperamental. Pulled pork, if you have the oven at 220 degrees and you cook it for 10 to 12 hours until the thing gets tender, it's going to be delicious," Cornish said.

Nassif said there's a lot of trial and error involved, and that first-time smokers should set aside a good chunk of their



KC's Ribshack. Courtesy photo.

day and remember that different items will require different amounts of time. The best thing to do is research beforehand. Call your local butcher, search online and check the meat regularly.

"You can hang out in the yard with your family, but you want to be as close to the smoker as possible because if the temperature does go up 10, 15 degrees, you're going to dry out your food. Patience is super important," Nassif said. "Recipes, as much as we want them to be the perfect guide, are never really that perfect. It's never an exact science."

If you want to get the smoky flavor just while grilling, Nassif suggested making a foil package filled with soaked wood chips.

Poke a few holes in the pocket and stick it on the grill next to the food.

"If you're doing it on the grill, it's more for added flavor — you're not going to get the true smoked meat benefits," Nassif said. "The easiest way to achieve that ... is to purchase an inexpensive electric smoker, which is super easy to use."

Popularity

If anything, the showmanship for barbecue has increased — in part, thanks to barbecue competitions and Food Network shows — but the basics remain the same.

"People associate barbecues with getting together in the backyard and having a good time, and you know, not worrying about the pretentiousness, about how pretty something is or how it's being cooked. It's basically, for the most part, meat over fire," Cornish said. "It's actually a pretty simple process when it comes down to it."

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Smoking devices

There's more than one way to smoke



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Smoking meat has been a tradition for thousands of years, but as human civilization has developed and grown more complex, so have the tools we use to get the job done. In fact, pioneering individuals are still finding inventive ways to build smokers and make the process easier.

Big-batch smoking

Eric Mitchell is a land surveyor for a civil engineering firm in Bedford, but during his off hours, he is a barbecue connoisseur. He's a member and past director of the New England Barbecue Society and the author of *Smoke It Like a Pro on the Big Green Egg & Other Ceramic Cookers*.

"When you talk about smoking meat, it's usually over many hours," Mitchell said.

He said the typical low-heat, long-term approach to cooking can be achieved with several different types of cookers.

"One very traditional cooker is a **stick burner**, which is a large, offset-type smoker ... and they burn chunks of wood [that are] put in the firebox at one end," Mitchell said.

The stick burner, or offset smoker, often looks like a horizontal cylinder next to a box and a little chimney sticking out the end opposite the box. The meat goes in the cylinder on racks, while the wood is burned in the adjacent box. This way, Mitchell says, the heat and smoke pass over and around the meat during their sideways journey to the exhaust.

"The heat and the smoke go through the big chamber where the meat is, so nothing is directly over the flame. It's offset from the flame," Mitchell said.

He said this type of smoker is ideal for catering since it can contain large amounts of meat at a time. It's also considered by

purists the truest way to smoke, since it involves the burning of actual wood, where other methods involve charcoal or propane.

"There are some people who believe if you're not using a stick burner, you're not really doing barbecue," Mitchell said.

Stick burners can be bought, but some people like to build their own.

"A lot of people make them out of oil drums — 275-gallon oil drums from the basement — or they make it out of 55-gallon drums," Mitchell said.

The 55-gallon drums are also used to make **upright drum smokers**, which stand vertically and open to reveal racks that stack upon one another for holding meat. In this case, the smoking effect is achieved by placing the meat not to the side of the heat source, but above it. The greater distance between the heat source and the meat keeps the meat from getting grilled. Temperature is controlled by limiting the amount of air that comes in at the bottom of the drum and there's a small release vent at the top.

"It has racks and everything inside. Still, the fire and everything is put down at the bottom. They have a drip pan. And the heat goes all the way up through the meat, up through different levels," Mitchell said.

Variations of this style cooker can be designed to burn either wood at the bottom or propane with a box directly above the gas burner that contains the wood or charcoal, which is necessary for providing the smoke. To keep it from getting too hot, propane-based drums are often starved of oxygen, with only a vent at the top.

Mitchell said there's a boxier version of this vertical smoker that restaurants may use.

"They also have cookers that are like a cabinet," Mitchell said. "It can be the size of a small refrigerator or a big refrigerator."

He said most restaurants run propane-powered smokers with wood chunks to add

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the smoke flavor. Others may use food-grade pellets that drop into the fire.

Small-batch smoking

For a nice home-smoked meal, one would seldom need a device as large and complex as those oil-barrel and cabinet-style smokers, but there are smaller options available.

"There's other cookers, such as the Weber Smokey Mountain, which is a kettle-type cooker," Mitchell said.

This kind of cooker is also called a **bullet**, because of its shape, or a vertical water smoker, because it incorporates water to keep the moisture in. It uses hardwood lump charcoal.

"[The bullet cooker is] lit down at the bottom. There's actually a water pan underneath it. The smoke goes up and through and out the vents on top," Mitchell said.

The water, which is located between the fire and the cooking grates, serves a number of different functions. It helps to stabilize the temperature, so the user rarely needs to intervene to control it, and the vapor and smoke condense together to add more flavor to the food. The pan also catches any drippings from the meat.

The bullets are usually about four feet tall and about 20 inches wide. Certainly enough room to feed a family, but about 240 fewer square inches of total cooking area compared to a moderately sized off-



set smoker.

Another small cooker, which Mitchell wrote his book about, is a **kamado**-style grill. Unlike all the other devices, which are constructed with steel or iron, kamado-style cookers are ceramic. They provide the same amount of cooking area as a bullet and also use charcoal, but they have no water pan.

"It's shaped like an egg. The fire is in the bottom and then we put a diffuser in there, whether it's a pizza stone or a drip pan, so the heat comes up around it and not directly above the flame," Mitchell said.

The kamado-style smoker can be used

for a great deal of things, besides smoking. For example, Mitchell said you can sear a steak at 700 degrees or bake a pizza at 600 degrees, making it one of the most versatile types of smokers out there.

"You can do a lot of things on that you could not necessarily do on a stick burner," Mitchell said.

And another approach to smaller-scale smoking can be achieved with a simple hack to a regular charcoal-heated **kettle grill**.

"If you build your fire and use natural lump charcoal, build it on one side so it's not over the entire bottom. It's just tucked

to one side. Then you put your meat over the other side," Mitchell said.

If you do this, then, voila, you've just made a jury-rigged offset-type smoker.

New innovations

Just as there are purists who feel it's not true smoking when it's not done with burning wood, there are those who feel modern advancements in automation and computerization are a step too far. Mitchell says there are those who feel such technologies make the process more of a science than an art. But for those who seek a more hands-off approach to smoking, Mitchell said there are smoking devices that are equipped with temperature sensors linked to temperature control mechanisms available on the market.

"All of the cookers run on the drafting of air from the outside that goes through the smoker and gets released," Mitchell said.

Usually this is controlled manually with vents and dampers, but that's no longer necessary.

"You can buy fans which are electronically controlled based on temperature," Mitchell said.

Some devices link temperature sensors to augers that feed wood pellets into the fire, for essentially the same effect: temperature control. You just set the computer to keep it at a certain temperature and it does the rest for you. 🍖



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From bacon to brisket

Fatty meats are the way to go



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The first step to smoking is a no-brainer: get something to smoke. But some foods are better suited for smoking than others. As far as meat goes, you want to stay away from anything lean and choose meats that are dense and fatty.

"Anything that needs to be slow-cooked to give it tenderness is what you're looking for," said Kyle Perreault, head butcher at the Wine'ing Butcher in Meredith, which also has locations in Bedford, Pembroke, Gilford and Ashburn. "You want things with a lot of fat so when you cook it long and slow, the fat really gets into the meat and gives it that great flavor."

Some of the best meats for smoking include pork butt, which comes from the shoulder of the pig; brisket, a cut of beef; ribs, bacon, sausage, pork belly and certain fish, such as salmon.

After choosing what type of meat to smoke, you have more decisions to make. There are many different types of wood to smoke with, all of which give the meat a unique flavor. The most common are oak, hickory, apple and cherry woods.

Next, consider what kind of "bark" or crust you want on the meat. The bark is formed from the outer layer of fat on the meat and the dry rub you put on the meat, should you choose to. There are a variety of rub recipes, from a simple salt, pepper and garlic to a spicy cayenne pepper and paprika. Finally, decide if you want to add a barbecue sauce.

"It's all personal preference," Perreault said. "I've been in the business a while, and just talking to people, I've heard a bunch of different ways to do the same thing but with different flavors and tastes. The great thing about cooking and smoking is it's whatever you want it to be."

When it comes to sides, Perreault said the best foods to accompany smoked meat are "anything you'd think of when you think of

a backyard barbecue." Cole slaw, potato salad, pasta salad, beans and cornbread are all safe bets.

For drinks, he said, go for anything you'd drink outside on a warm, sunny day.

"My biggest thing with smoking is, it just screams summer to me," he said. "A craft beer or stout would pair well, any mixed drinks, any drinks you're having outside, [smoked meat] goes good with everything."

Meat isn't the only thing you can smoke. Other popular smoked foods include cheeses, vegetables, spices and sauces.

There are several advantages to smoking. For one, you can just put your food in the smoker and let it be, which allows you to relax and mingle at your backyard barbecue instead of staying glued to the grill all day. Secondly, smoking gives your meat the most flavor because the smoke completely penetrates the meat as opposed to a sauce or rub that only flavors the outside.

If you're new to smoking, Perreault recommends starting with ribs. They aren't expensive, and they take the least amount of time, requiring only three or four hours as opposed to other meats, which take around eight. Pork butt is another good beginner meat, which you can make into barbecue pulled pork. Save the brisket, he said, for when you're more comfortable with smoking, as it is more challenging.

How long you smoke the meat is dependent on many factors, including the meat's size and density, the level of flavor you want and how high the temperature is, so be sure to do your research on what the meat you've chosen requires.

If you're already a pro smoker looking for a real challenge, trying going big with a pig.

"I've brought in pigs from 20 pounds to 150 pounds," Perreault said. "So if that's something where, if you have a big barbecue and you're feeling confident, just smoke the whole pig. That way, you get everything, the ribs, the shoulders, the bacon, everything." 🍖

A rib-rockin' good time

Barbecue lovers flock to Rock'n Ribfest

By Allie Ginwala
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What started as a simple function for locals to come and enjoy different styles of ribs not readily available in the area has morphed into a weekend-long festival of all things ribs, pulled pork, barbecue and more. Drawing 40,000 people to the Anheuser-Busch grounds, Rock'n Ribfest gives New Hampshire residents the chance to taste and learn about ribs from as close by as Vermont and New Jersey to as far away as Canada and Texas.

The idea to have a rib-themed event came about because no such event existed in New Hampshire, according to Rock'n Ribfest chairman Randy Smith. He'd heard of rib showcases in other states, but none nearby.

"[No one was] doing it here in New England and [we] thought it would be a unique opportunity to bring food from other areas," Smith said in a phone interview.

The chairman of Rock'n Ribfest since Rotary Nashua West started it 13 years ago, Smith said the event was first created as an outlet to fundraise for local nonprofits.

"We do try to help out all the different



Crowds of people gather in Merrimack for a weekend of ribs, races and entertainment. Courtesy photo.

areas in the community," he said.

Proceeds from Ribfest support everything from adult substance abuse and food banks to the Boys & Girls Club, Meals on Wheels and the Nashua Children's Home.

With the concept in mind, Ribfest was created and rested upon three main segments — providing food, entertainment and kids' activities.

One aspect that encompasses both food and entertainment is the State of New

Hampshire's Official State Barbecue Championship. A sanctioned competition by the Kansas City Barbecue Society, competitors from across the country face off for the chance to earn a spot in the national competition in Kansas City.

"The KCBS states what they're cooking and each competitor perfects their methodology, sauces, treatments and marinades," Smith said. "These are very serious cooks, [at first] they don't have a lot of time to

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talk. But after [they've] submitted they'll tell you about all the products and how they cook and all their strategies."

The way it works is that competitors choose to compete in both the grilling and barbecue contests or just one. Friday is the day to set up and prep for Saturday's grilling contest and Sunday's barbecue contest.

"People can come watch as they prepare and do their own thing," Smith said. "Everything has to be prepared on site."

While there is no amateur competition at Ribfest (Smith said the focus is to learn at Ribfest by watching the ribbers and competition then try it at home) there is a chance to savor the competition pieces. A Taste of Ribfest on Friday night 20 ▶

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"People can try it and see what it tastes like being a professional competitor," he said.

Another way to enjoy piles of barbecue is with the food vendors or "ribbers" who bring their specialties from different states.

"We have nine professional ribbers selling ribs and sides, and everything else [is] from pizza to ice cream to candies to fried dough to hamburgers and hotdogs and apple crisp," Smith said.

Ribbers attending just as vendors come from both inside and outside the U.S., while the non-rib vendors are mostly from New England.

Debbie Buttemeier, senior supervisor of brewery experiences at Anheuser-Busch in Merrimack, has been to Rock'n Ribfest every year since it started. With the influx of visitors to the facility, Buttemeier said it's usually really busy leading tours through the brewery that weekend, so she checks out the rib festivities at the end of the day.

"You know, we teach people on our tours every day that beer and food go together, so I think it's a natural pairing," she said in a phone interview.

It's the biggest event Anheuser-Busch holds on its almost 300-acre facility.

"The thing that I like the most is that it's all about community. All of the proceeds support local area non profits," she said. "Anheuser-Busch has always been big in the community and that opportunity to participate in giving back is fantastic."

Brewery tours and professional ribbers aren't the only activities to head to Ribfest for. Check out live music, dance and martial arts performances, Granite State Clowns, a road race and for the first time this year, a bicycle ride.

"There's a lot of people that enjoy running and there's also a lot of people that enjoy riding their bikes," Smith said. "We decided to offer something on the healthy

side."

Building on itself every year with more activities and entertainment, Smith doesn't know when Ribfest will reach its capacity of expansion, only that he wants to keep guests happy and returning.

"We are continuing growing, expanding and changing," he said. "We like to add new things and those things that don't appeal to customers we don't do."

"Each of the years since [the beginning] we've grown in all avenues," Smith said. "We've brought in more ribbers, allowed entertainment to continue to grow and bring in even bigger and larger bands from the region."

Ribfest special events

Taste of Ribfest

Try barbecue from championship competitors in the judging tent on Friday, June 19, at 5 and 7 p.m. Cost is \$40, which includes Ribfest admission.

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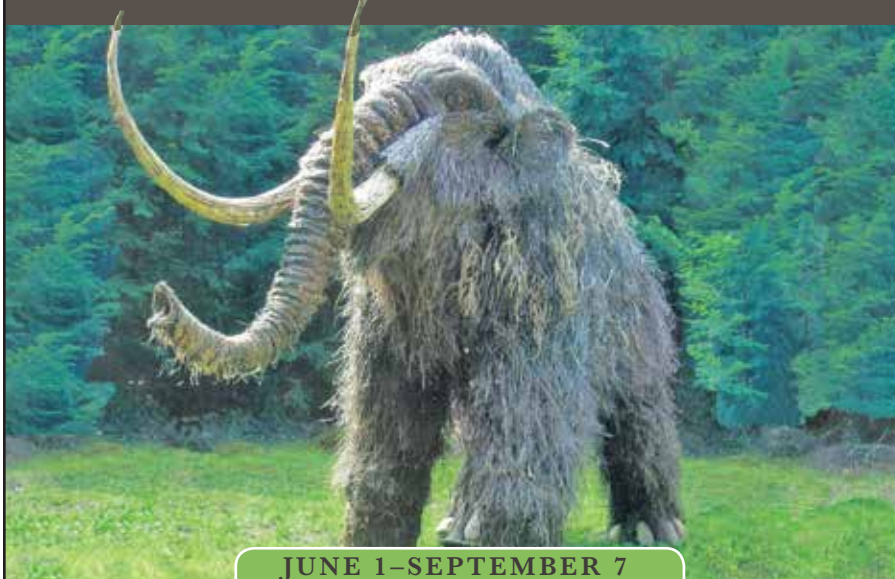
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Friday, June 19

At Barnes & Noble (1741 S. Willow St., Manchester) at 6 p.m., author **Kurt D. Springs** will talk about his book, *Promise of Mercy: A Dreamscape Warriors Novel*. The paranormal/sci-fi title is a follow up to Springs' previous book, *Price of Vengeance: A Dreamscape Warriors Novel*. Call 668-5557 for more information.



Monday, June 22

Learn how to protect your skin and look great this summer at YCD Holistic Healing's (1 Prospect St., Nashua) workshop, **Summertime Beauty Tips About Sun Protection & Minimal & Multi-Functional Makeup Products**, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Teresa Paquin will give each guest a hands-on demonstration for quick and easy makeup techniques that fit their individual features. The cost for the class is \$40. Visit ycdholistichealing.com.



Wednesday, June 24

The Smyth Public Library (55 High St., Candia) will host a **bee talk** today at 6:30 p.m. about the roles and importance of native bees in NH's natural ecosystem and agriculture and what you can do to support the bees on your property. After the lecture, the group will build a "bee hotel" to provide a nesting habitat for native bees at the library. Call 483-8245.



Sunday, June 21

Join the Farmers Dinner and the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce at the Court Street Theater (14 Court St., Nashua) from 5 to 9 p.m. for their **first annual gala**. Enjoy locally sourced dishes and guest speakers from the agricultural community. Tickets are \$35 and proceeds will benefit local charities. See full story on p. 48.

Eat: Chocolate truffles

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Drink: IPA

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From prints to sculptures

New work inside and outside the Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden

By Kelly Sennott
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When Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden owner Pam Tarbell put out a call for her most recent show, “Invitational Printmaking Exhibit,” it didn’t occur to her at first that the general public — the ones without fine arts backgrounds — would need a little education on the printmaking process to really get how amazing these pieces are.

She said it hit when a local art collector told her “prints didn’t do much for him.”

“This one remark made me think, it’s a constant fight — everything’s reproduced right now, so everyone just thinks they are mass produced. But these are hand-pulled fine art prints,” she said at the gallery last week. “They’re all originals. ... I think people need to be educated about it because it’s so time-consuming and labor-intensive and technical.”

New Hampshire artist Annette Mitchell thinks people are often turned off by the word “print.”

“If you say something’s a print, people immediately have this whole idea that a print is something that’s reproduced and run off, like items in a printed newspaper. They assume there’s more than one,” Mitchell said.

Which is sometimes true, but each of the



“All Those Tomorrows” by Catherine Green.

prints in the show is still done by hand, and to create one takes just as much time as any other painting. Catherine Green of Stratham, for instance, will use up to 45 colors in a piece — a lot when you consider that to stencil in one color requires three hours. She can make 30 to 60 silk screen prints at once, but it takes weeks.

The print show lines the upstairs gallery. Tarbell was especially enamored with Massachusetts artist Catherine Kernan’s monoprints, which are long and abstract and contain transparent yellow, orange, blue, black and white layers.

“I’ve just been oozing over her work for years,” Tarbell said.

Green’s pieces are more representational; “Nimbus” seems to look out a bay window at a green mountainside, and “Riding on the Wings of Dreams” is of a branchy birch tree in the winter night.

Green’s background is in painting, but she loves the methodical process of this art. There’s almost something meditative about “pulling the squeegee across the screen.”

“There’s also a clarity to the imagery,” Green said. “It’s like putting a puzzle togeth-

er. I like the steps. Personally, I’m not a very spontaneous person. I’m fairly methodical, and I really enjoy watching the prints develop.”

Susan Jaworski-Stranc’s linoleum prints contain outdoor shots of Maine lobster boats and willowy trees, while Alice Spencer’s are a bit more abstract; “Lakestone Series: Flux 2,” for instance, requires extra minutes to comprehend the orange, green, blue and yellow shapes and pictures layered together.

“Which is why I like her art, because it draws me in,” Tarbell said. “For me, I want something I can put on the wall, in which I can see all these different things happening.”

New Hampshire Institute of Art professor Zdzislaw Sikora’s monoprints contain bright flowers set against black backdrops, and Mitchell’s abstract sumi ink and foam prints were inspired by Franconia Notch, Mount Washington and the Flume Gorge.

“I think the thing that drives my work is just the love of living in a place that has this kind of environment. I grew up in southern Alabama. It had no mountains, and the water was opaque; you couldn’t see through it unless it was a fast-running creek,” Mitchell said.

Sculpture garden



“Fruit of Fancy” by Philip Marshall. Courtesy photo.

Two weeks before the Mill Brook Sculpture Garden’s opening reception, most of the curated sculptures had arrived. They embellished the gallery’s decadent yard, which sits alongside a goose pond and horse stable. This year’s crop contains whimsical creatures,

from Morris Norvin’s “Relic” — which looks like a gigantic steampunk lizard — to Rebecca Carabonna’s “Contemplation,” which looks like an evil, mythical troll smoking a pipe.

“I thought the kids would really get a kick out of that one,” Tarbell said, gesturing to “Contemplation” during a walk through the grounds. She pointed out some of this year’s other pieces: hanging in the tree were a couple of wooden monkeys by Dale Rodgers, and propped against a stump was a long, thin pencil-shaped sculpture by Paul Angiolillo.

Tarbell said in total there will be around 25 sculptures in the garden, but many had yet to arrive at the time of the visit.

She happily helped in Tarbell’s quest to educate the public about printmaking, having attended the gallery’s June 10 Wednesday Wisdom Workshop, where she provided a presentation and demonstration about sumi ink and foam printmaking.

“I have a great love and respect for all [Tarbell] does in the art community. She was named one of six New Hampshire businesswomen of the year [by NH Business Review]. She can be really persistent, but her invitation was all I needed to want to be included in this show,” Mitchell said. 🌿

See the shows

Where: Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden, 236 Hopkinton Road, Concord, 226-2046, themillbrook-gallery.com, hours Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment

Invitational Printmaking Exhibit: On view June 2 through Aug. 9; featuring work by Susan Amons, Catherine Green, Catherine Kernan, Annette Mitchell, Alice Spencer and Zdzislaw Sikora.

18th Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit: On view June 26 through Oct. 18; reception Sunday, June 28, 2 to 4 p.m.

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Events

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John Lanier (biologist) Eric Orff (biologist). Thurs., June 18, at 6:30 p.m. Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester. Visit currier.org, call 669-6144, ext. 108.

• **PECHAKUCHA PORTSMOUTH** 22nd event; artists/locals present projects in 20 images, 20 seconds per image. Thurs.,

June 18, at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. 3S Artspace, 319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth. Free. Visit www.3Sarts.org, www.facebook.com/PechaKucha-NightPortsmouth, www.nhpkn.com.

• **CONCORD ARTS MARKET** Weekly juried outdoor artisan and fine art market. Every

Saturday now through Oct. 3 excluding July 4, July 18 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Bicentennial Square, Concord. Visit <http://www.granitestateartsmarket.com/concord-arts-market.html>.

• **COMICFEST** Cosplay contest, panels, workshops, video game tournament, anime screenings, board games, artists alley,

kids’ concert, Lego room, and more. Sat., June 20, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua. Visit nashualibrary.org/comicfest.

• **BIRDS OF THE ZIMMERMAN HOUSE TOUR** Learn how Zimmerman garden was made bird-friendly; see and listen to birds during tour. Sun., June

21, at 3:30 p.m. Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester. \$20. Visit currier.org/tickets.

• **STORYTIME IN THE GALLERY: FREDERICK** Hear Currier Museum of Art staff member read *Frederick* by Leo Lionni. Recommended for kids ages 2 to 5. Mon., June 22, at 11:30 a.m. Currier Museum of

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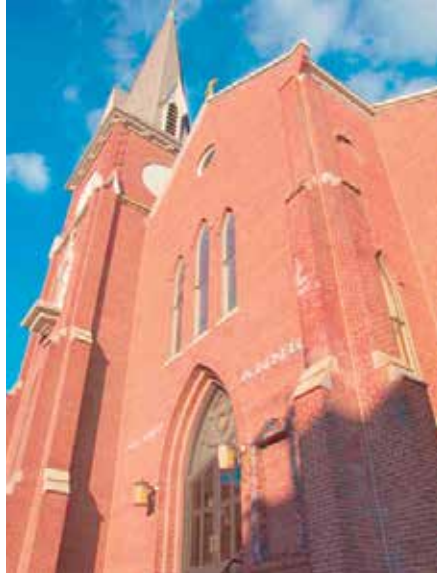
NH art world news

• **Manchester gets a community art center:** After years of fundraising, the New Hampshire Institute of Art reps announced that, in a year's time, the school will have transformed the historic St. Anne Church at the corner of Merrimack and Union streets into a youth arts education lab. Construction will begin this fall and be completed by next summer, NHIA president Kent Devereaux said via phone. The building's outdoor aesthetic will remain true to the building's history, with the primary work to be done inside the church, which has been dormant for years since Brady Sullivan Properties gifted it to the school in 2009.

The school's community outreach programs that partner with the Manchester Boys & Girls Club and the Bring It! program will be housed here, but Devereaux said NHIA also wants to partner with local schools and other arts nonprofits. (Like the Palace Theatre, for instance, which Devereaux said could help put on programs that involve stagecraft and design). There are also possibilities to incorporate writing, music, theater, etc. Program planning will happen next year during construction.

"We've got all year to work with the faculty here, the Boys & Girls Club and city schools to discuss what's the best way to do it so that we can have programs that really complement what's already going on in town," he said. "We're trying to cast the net as wide as possible because this is not something where we're going to have all the answers. We want people to know we're going to be launching a community youth arts education center next year, and that this needs significant community involvement."

Construction can happen in part because of \$367,250 in Community



St. Anne's in Manchester. Courtesy photo.

Development Finance Authority tax credits, which have been sold to businesses like Brady Sullivan Properties and Eastern Bank. Proceeds from the sale of those tax credits have provided a significant portion of the total project budget.

• **Sand sculpture this weekend:** If you're on Hampton Beach this weekend, check out the annual Master Sand Sculpting Competition, which happens June 18 through June 20 and attracts world-famous sand sculptors from all over the world. The sculptors use nothing but sand, water and a few plastic or wooden forms and have 21 hours over three days to complete their pieces, which are then on view at the beach through July 5 (and will be lit for night viewing).

"This isn't about building sand castles, no matter how incredible they might be," Greg Grady, event coordinator/master sculptor, said in a press release. "These artists have an extremely high degree of skill, creating art that is both unique and sophisticated. They are continually pushing themselves to the next level. We never know what they are going to attempt from year to year, and that's part of the excitement of this competition." Visit hamptonbeach.org.

— Kelly Sennott

Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester. Free with museum admission. Visit currier.org, call 669-6144.

• **MARKET DAYS CONCORD ARTS MARKET** Durrance Market Days, the Concord Arts Market is a three-day event. Thurs., June 25, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri., June 26, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat., June 27, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. N. Main St., Concord. Visit <http://www.granitestateartsmarket.com/concord-arts-market.html>.

• **ARTS ON THE GREEN** 30 artists expert in jewelry, potter, painting, photography, etc., in attendance to show work. Sat., June 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Main St., New London. Visit centerforthecommunityartsnh.org.

• **SCULPTURE ON THE SEACOAST: FROM MASSACHUSETTS BAY COLONY TO OUR MODERN ART COLONIES** Lecture by Rebecca Reynolds, independent art curator and consultant and Ron Crusan, director/curator of Ogunquit Museum of American Art. Presented with show, "Sculpted Spaces: Historic Places" on view at John Langdon House, 143 Pleasant St. Sun., June 28, 3-4 p.m. Discover Portsmouth Center, 10 Middle St., Portsmouth. \$12. Visit historicnewengland.org, call 436-3205; registration required.

• **PICKER ART GALLERY** An open studio/meet the artists day.

Open first Sat. of the month, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Picker Building, 99 Factory St. Extension, Nashua. Free. Call 305-6256.

Openings

• **"FROM BIRDS TO BEASTS: AUDUBON'S LAST GREAT ADVENTURE"** Art exhibition that includes James Audubon's interest in mammals and birds. On view May 23 through Aug. 30. Tour on Sat., June 20, at 11:30 a.m. Currier Museum of Art, 150 Ash St., Manchester. Visit currier.org.

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Passion projects

Late Night series highlights local, original work

By Kelly Sennott
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New, experimental and rough around the edges — that's how Players' Ring artistic committee chairperson Todd Hunter described the shows that make up this summer's Late Night season, which premieres this weekend with *Only For You* by local Greg Gaskell.

These pieces are non-traditional or shorter than the plays that are part of the Ring's mainstage season, and you won't see them anywhere else. Hunter said the series began in 2002 so as not to compete with the annual outdoor Prescott Park production (which this year is *Peter Pan*). Seeing these shows, he said, is like hearing an artist's demo tape before the finished song.

"We realized there was a bit of an audience for late-night, experimental type of theater," Hunter said via phone last week. "[The Late Night Series] is very much an experimental breeding ground. These shows should never be seen as very finished, polished types of shows, but they give audiences a chance to peek in on works in progress. ... It's an opportunity to get in on something that's almost underground."

All shows in the series are no longer than 90 minutes. First on the list is Gaskell's *Only For You*, which saw the stage just once before in 2011. Gaskell calls it a "two-man, one-man" show.

The play centers around a guy, Mitch, played by Gaskell, who, over a strange course of events, winds up traveling to Mexico with a church group and becomes tangled in a series of misunderstandings that lead him to a Mexican jail cell. His only company is a guy named Hector who, go figure, only speaks Spanish and is also having the worst night of his life.

Gaskell originally wrote the role for Tobin Moss, who played Mitch in the 2011 production. He liked the idea of writing an introspective, one-man show, but he didn't want Mitch to be talking to himself or the audience the whole time.

"So that's how the Mexican prison thing fell into place," Gaskell said. "The first half of the play, Mitch is in a Mexican prison, bab-



Pictured, Scott Caple and Gregg Gaskell, who play Hector and Mitch respectively. Courtesy photo.

bling and telling stories about his life. The second half of the play, he's trying to understand what happened and how he got there. Hector is really a sounding board for him."

Gaskell's no stranger to playwriting. Audiences may know him for his *Sharp Dressed Men* trilogy, produced at the Ring in February 2014, or *Background Check*, produced in January 2014. He does his best work between tasks during his day job as a residential garbage truck driver. He keeps a spiral notebook on hand at all times because it's while driving that he gets some of his best story ideas.

"I remember hearing that Einstein always came up with his best ideas while he was working as a patent clerk. We do our most creative thinking when we're raking leaves or doing the dishes," Gaskell said. "When you're just going throughout your day and your mind isn't fixed on the problem or what you're stuck on, your mind is free. And the next thing you know, you've solved your problem."

Gaskell is looking forward to seeing the rest of this year's Late Night Series lineup. He plans to write more for the Players' Ring; Tom, Henry and George from his *Sharp Dressed Men* trilogy will come back this fall. He appreciates that there's a local theater willing to produce his shows.

"There isn't another theater within miles of here where you can walk in and literally say, 'I have an idea. Can you help me?' That's what you can do at the Players' Ring. I would be lost without it," Gaskell said.

But then, to promote local artists' original work is part of the theater organization's mission.

"These are passion projects," Hunter said. "[Artists] will always have a home here, where they can put their passions on stage and hone their craft." 🌱

See Only For You

Where: Players' Ring, 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth

When: June 19 through June 28, with shows Fridays and Saturdays at 10 p.m., Sundays at 9 p.m.

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Notes from the theater scene

• **Coming back to Dover:** After a year-long hiatus, theatre.unmasked plans to come back to the Cochecho Arts Festival in Dover this summer. The plan is to perform *The Tempest* free at Henry Law Park, but to do that, the company needs some support at a Sunday Benefit Fundraiser at 7th Settlement Brewery (47 Washington St., Dover) this Sunday, June 21, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. A percentage of everything sold this day, from brunch to dinner, will go toward helping theatre.unmasked bring theater to the park free this summer. Email aimee@theatreunmasked.com or visit theatreunmasked.com.

• **Highlighted local guitar company:** The MIT Enterprise Forum of Cambridge chose New Boston company Ridgewing Guitars to be amongst 30 other exhibitors at the Startup Spotlight on June 15, the organization's premiere networking event that brings together 350 innovators, entrepreneurs, investors and business professionals in Cambridge, according to a press release. Ridgewing Guitars creates instruments designed as an assembly of interchangeable components, which can be taken apart and put back together in seconds in different combinations. When assembled and played, they're full-sized guitars, but while traveling, they can fit within violin-sized leather cases.

Executive director for the MIT Enterprise Forum of Cambridge Katja Wald said in the release that the organization chooses companies that have demos event attendees can pick up, play with, and that have that "wow factor." Visit ridgewing.com for more on the company.

The Portsmouth Historical Society. Pottery, paintings, textiles by internationally-known artists. On view April 30 through Oct. 2. Discussion led by Michael K. Komanecky, organizer of exhibition Thurs., June 25, at 6 p.m. Discover Portsmouth, 10 Middle St., Portsmouth. Suggested \$20 donation. Visit portsmouthhistory.org, email dominique@portsmouthhistory.org.

• **"SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT IV: UNH"** Exhibition of works of furniture by makers from the UNH Furniture Studies Program. Featured artists include Jeffrey Cooper, David Masury, Michael Ciardelli, Mark Ragonese and Leah Woods. On view June 10 through Sept. 7. Reception Fri., June 26, 5-7 p.m. Furniture Masters' Gallery, 49 S. Main St., Concord. Visit furnituremasters.org.

• **LYDIA MARTIN, PRISCILLA LEVESQUE** Exhibitions featuring art by these artists, "Loteria II" and "The Light in Small Towns," respectively. On view June 24 through July 25. Reception Sat., June 27, 2-4 p.m. Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St., Lowell.

• **18TH ANNUAL OUTDOOR SCULPTURE EXHIBIT** Outdoor sculpture show. On view June 26 through Oct. 18. Reception Sun., June 28, 2-4 p.m. Mill Brook Gallery & Sculpture Garden, 236 Hopkinton Road, Concord. Call 226-2046, visit themillbrookgallery.com.

• **PETER COE, ROSEMARY CONROY** Show featuring work by these artists at Kimball Jenkins School of Art. On view July 6 through Aug. 28. Reception Thurs., July 16, 5-7 p.m. Kimball

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• **"NH ART ASSOCIATION AND LEAGUE OF NH CRAFTSMEN: A RETROSPECTIVE EXHIBIT"** Complimenting Scheier exhibition; more than 100 paintings, prints, pieces of fine craft made by artists and craftspeople from the 1930's and 1970's. On view April 30 through Sept. 28. Gallery talk Sat., June 13, at 11 a.m.; Sat., July 18, at 11 a.m.; and Sat., Sept. 19, at 11 a.m., with co-curators Robert Chase and Richard Candee. Discover Portsmouth, 10 Middle St., Portsmouth. Suggested \$10 donation. Visit portsmouthhistory.org, email dominique@portsmouthhistory.org, call 436-8433.

• **"REPLICATE & TRANSFORM"** Juried show of functional and sculptural ceramics



Aimee Blessing and Jamie Clavet, who will be back on the scene with theatre.unmasked this summer. John Benford Photography.

• **Kicking off Peterborough Players summer theater:** From June 17 through June 28, the Peterborough Players will be producing *Red* by John Logan, a Tony and Drama Desk Award-winning play that brings audiences inside the studio of famed abstract expressionist painter Mark Rothko. The play is set in 1958 and follows Rothko's struggles with a series of grand-scale paintings for New York's elite Four Seasons restaurant with his new assistant. Artistic integrity is questioned, and demons are confronted.

The play occurs at the Peterborough Players theater, 55 Hadleigh Road, Peterborough, which has been converted from an 18th-century barn at Stearns Farm, three miles from downtown Peterborough. The theater seats 250 comfortably. The company, which has been around since 1933, produces seven mainstage and two Second Company productions each season. Shows occur every day of the week except Monday and tickets are \$39. Visit peterboroughplayers.org for details.

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Kittery playwright Lester Dubow and friends perform a staged reading of his new work, *Look ... There's a Boat Friday*, June 26, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, June 27, at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, June 28, at 2 p.m., at West End Studio Theatre, 959 Islington St., Portsmouth. Dubow drew from real-life people in creating the featured 11 "colorful characters" in the story. That weekend will be the first time Dubow hears it onstage. "I had the outline for the play some twenty-five years ago,"

Dubow said in a press release. "At that time, I was much younger than the central character, Harry Kopelman.

When I started to work on the script last year, I was fascinated to see how my perspective had changed, now that I was actually older than Kopelman." Tickets are \$15. Visit actonenh.org or call 300-2986. Pictured, Lester Dubow. Courtesy photo.

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• **INTERNATIONAL TEEN ART EXHIBIT** Featuring winners of Ocean Awareness Student Context, combines art, science and advocacy. Work by 20 teen artists from U.S., Peru and Hungary that focuses on plastic pollution. On view now through June 17. Seacoast Science Center, 570 Ocean Blvd., Rye. Free with admission to Seacoast Science Center. Visit seacoast-sciencecenter.org, fromthebowseat.org.

• **"THE FOREST FOR THE TREES"** Solo show by artist Frankie Brackley Tolman. On view May 16 through June 25. Hancock Town Library, Main St., Hancock. Call 525-4411.

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• **"OPAQUE TOPOGRAPHIES"** New sculpture by Annie B. Campbell; solo exhibition of map-based, mixed media ceramic work focused on fossil fuel dependency. On view May 9 through June 26. Community Clay Center, 620 Tenney Mountain Highway, Plymouth. Call 536-3222, visit communityclay-center.com, anniebcampbell.com.

• **"THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER"** Seacoast Artist Association art show; photographers pair up with painters and interpret the same subject. On view through June 27. Seacoast Artist Association Gallery, 225 Water St., Exeter. Call 778-8856.

• **"MIDWAY"** Collection of new paintings by Lee Dunholtter, professor at Franklin Pierce University. Show features food

caravans at New England summer fairs and carnivals. On view June 5 through June 27. Sharon Arts Center Members Gallery, 30 Grove St., Peterborough. Free. Visit sharonarts.org.

• **PASTEL SOCIETY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE MEMBERS' EXHIBITION** Includes works by Mary Ann Eldred and Barbara Barclay and pastels by artists from all over New England. Juror is Paul Ingbreton. Visit pastelsocietynh.com. On view May 30 through June 27. Jaffrey Civic Center, 40 Main St., Jaffrey. Visit pastelsocietynh.com, jaffreyciviccenter.com.

• **"LOVE"** Small group exhibit of postcard-sized art. On view through June 29. Artstream Studios, 10 Second St., Dover. Call 516-8500, visit artstreamstudios.com/shop.

• **MARY HART** Exhibition of art by local contemporary landscape painter Debra Robinson. On view May 3 through June 30. Mandarin Asian Bistro, 24 Market St., Lowell. Call 941-350-6347.

• **"CONNECTIONS TO NATURE"** Lars Turrin art show of functional and sculptural pottery. On view now through the end of June. League of NH Craftsmen Meredith Gallery, 279 DW Highway, Meredith. Call 279-7920.

• **"MEXICAN CULTURE"** Exhibition of paintings by Lilia Peralta on display at the Nashua Public Library Image Gallery. On view through May and June. Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua. Visit nashualibrary.org/directions.htm, call 589-4626.

• **TERRY EMRICK** Featured artist at Exeter Fine Crafts; show on view through June. Exeter Fine Crafts, 61 Water St., Exeter. Free. Call 778-8282.

• **"PHILIP BROWN PARSONS: TRIBUTE TO A NEW ENGLAND ARTIST"** Retrospective art show featuring the artist's work. On view now

through July 2. Patricia Ladd Carega Gallery, 69 Maple St., Sandwich. Visit patricialadd-carega.com, call 284-7728.

• **"SEE YOU AGAIN"** Exhibition featuring works of Amparo Carvajal-Hufschmid and Lucy Mink. On view through July 3. McGowan Fine Art, 10 Hills Ave., Concord. Visit mcgowanfineart.com, call 225-2515.

• **"JOURNEYS: 13 PERSPECTIVES"** 13 studio artists at Brush Gallery's upcoming show. On view June 14 through July 26. The Brush Art Gallery & Studios, 256 Market St., Lowell. Call 978-459-7819, visit thebrush.org, email director@thebrush.org.

Open calls

• **CALL FOR VENDORS: BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR** Fair occurs at the high school Sat., Nov. 7. Visit <https://sites.google.com/a/bedfordnhk12.net/bedford-sd-holiday-craft-fair/> to apply. Submissions due by June 30. Bedford High School, 47 Nashua Road, Bedford.

• **CALL FOR ENTRIES: "CELEBRATING FLIGHT"** Aviation Museum of NH art show; looking for paintings, drawings, prints, sculpture, mixed media, photography, digital media; theme can be loosely interpreted, as it's intended to inspire creativity and enthusiasm for aviation. Curated by Bruce McColl. Submissions must be dropped off Aug. 3 through Aug. 8. Aviation Museum of NH, 27 Navigator Road, Londonderry. Call 669-4820, email avmuseum@nhahs.org.

Fairs

• **REBEL ARTS CRAFTERS GUILD FUN & FUNNY CRAFT FAIR** Fun and edgy craft show. Sat., June 27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. American Legion Post, 538 W. Main St., Hillsborough. Email dyegirlsdesign@gmail.com.



SONGS AND STORIES

On Monday, June 22, at 6:30 p.m., presenter "Ramplin' Richard" Kruppa presents "Songs and Stories from the War Years," a program that focuses on some of the most beloved music of that era like "Bluebirds over the White Cliffs of Dover," "Sentimental Journeys," "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition" and "Harbor Lights." Kruppa will sing the songs while accompanying himself on guitar, 5-string banjo and baritone ukulele. He'll also provide the "fascinating and unfamiliar stories" that go along these songs, as described in the press release. Kruppa is a member of the New England Foundation for the Arts and is a retired professor from Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

• **SUMMER FUN CRAFT FAIR** More than 80 exhibitors will display wide variety of juried crafts, including glass art, metal art, quilts, pillows, primitive crafts, folk art, fine art, etc. Sat., June 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun., June 28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tanger Outlets, 120 Laconia Road, Tilton.

Theater

Productions

• **RED** Play by John Logan. June 17 through June 28. Showtimes Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 4 p.m., Tuesdays-Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Peterborough Players, 55 Hadley Road, Peterborough. \$39. Call 924-7585, visit peterboroughplayers.com.

• **THE ALL NEW PIANO MEN** Carl Rajotte original with music by Billy Joel, Elton John, Freddie Mercury, Stevie Wonder and others. June 5 through June 20. Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. \$15-\$45. Call 668-5588, visit palacetheatre.org.

• **ONLY FOR YOU** Brownwater Productions play by local playwright Greg Gaskel. June 19 through June 28, shows Fridays and Saturdays at 10 p.m., Sundays at 9 p.m. Players' Ring, 105 Marey St., Portsmouth. \$15. Call 436-8123, visit playersring.org.

• **GOLDBLOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS** Part of Little Smiles Children's Summer Series. Tues., June 23, at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord. \$7.50. Visit ccanh.com, call 225-1111.

• **HAPPY TWO GATHER** Featuring '60s flashback musical duo Jose and Patti. Thurs., June 25, at 7:30 p.m. Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. \$39. Visit palacetheatre.org, call 668-5588.

• **UMA VIDA IMAGINARIA (AN IMAGINARY LIFE)** Theatre KAPOW collaborates with Integral Transpersonal Theatre of Barcelona, Spain, to produce adaptation of Nick Farewell's novel. Fri., June 26, at 7:30 p.m.; Sat., June 27, at 7:30 p.m.; Sun., June 28, at 2 p.m. Derry Opera

House, 29 W. Broadway, Derry. \$20. Visit tkapow.com.

• **PETER PAN** Prescott Park Arts Festival outdoor production. Showtimes are most Thursdays through Sundays, June 26 through Aug. 23. Prescott Park, 105 Marcy St., Portsmouth. Admission by donation, space at first-come, first-served basis. Visit prescottpark.org.

• **LOOK ... THERE'S A BOAT** Play by Harry Koppelman, presented by ACT ONE. Fri., June 26, at 8 p.m.; Sat., June 27, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sun., June 28, at 2 p.m. West End Studio Theatre, 959 Islington St., Portsmouth. Visit actonenh.org, call 300-2986.

• **AN EVENING OF ROMANCE** Garrison Players performance. Features legends of radio, stage and television. Sat., June 27, at 8 p.m. Garrison Players Arts Center, 650 Portland Ave., Dover. \$15. Visit garrisonplayers.org, call 750-4ART.

• **DANGEROUSLY HIGH** One-woman show starring Kitty McKay. Includes intermission with light refreshments. Sat., June 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Old Mammoth Road, Londonderry. Free. Email dangerouslyhigh@comcast.net.

• **DIVAS, SUPERSTARS & LEGENDS** Palace Theatre production. Sun., June 28, at 11 a.m. Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. \$25. Visit palacetheatre.org, call 668-5588.

• **THE PIED PIPER OF HAMELIN** Part of Little Smiles Children's Summer Series. Tues., June 30, at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Capitol Center for the Arts, 44 S. Main St., Concord. \$7.50. Visit ccanh.com, call 225-1111.

• **SNOW WHITE & THE SEVEN DWARFS** Palace youth theater production. Tues., July 7, at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wed., July 8, at 10 a.m.; Thurs., July 9, at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover St., Manchester. \$9. Visit palacetheatre.org, call 558-6688.

Auditions/open calls

• **AUDITIONS: YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU** Bedford

Off Broadway production; show to be staged Nov. 5 through Nov. 14. Sun., June 21, 1-3:30 p.m., Mon., June 22, 7-9:30 p.m. Bedford Old Town Hall, 3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford. Call 546-5148, email nhgoalie@myfairpoint.net.

Workshops/other

• **NASHUA THEATRE GUILD ANNUAL MEETING** Meeting and elections. Sat., June 20, at 2 p.m. Margaritas Restaurant, Canal St., Nashua. Email dave@atkinson.quozzy.com, call 345-4595, visit the group Facebook page.

Classical Music Events

• **TROUBADOURS & TROUBLEMAKERS: THE MUSIC AND POLITICS OF WOODY GUTHRIE, PETE SEEGER AND BOB DYLAN** Lecture by music and history professor Kevin Comtois; multi-media presentation. Thurs., June 18, at 6:30 p.m. Hooksett Public Library, 31 Mount St. Mary's Way, Hooksett. Free. Visit hooksettlibrary.org, call 485-6092.

• **SONGS AND STORIES FROM THE WAR YEARS** Presented by "Ramblin' Richard Kruppa. Presentation and concert. Mon., June 22, at 6:30 p.m. Nesmith Library, 8 Fellows Road, Windham. Free. Call 432-7154, email swilliams@nesmithlibrary.org.

• **ALLANT TRIO** Classical music trio (comprised of pianist, violinist, cellist) concert. Tues., June 23, at 7 p.m. United Church of Penacook, 21 Merrimack St., Penacook. Free. Visit allantrio.com, ucpnh.org.

• **DESTINY AFRICA CHILDREN'S CHOIR** Concert performance by children from Kampala Children's Centre in Uganda. Proceeds help raise funds for center, which gives education/homes to children devastated by war and AIDS. Sat., June 27, at 7 p.m. Brookline Community Church, 2 Main St., Brookline. Admission by donation. Visit destinyafrica.org, bcen.org, call 673-7511.

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INSIDE/OUTSIDE

Gauges and gadgets and gears

Downtown Nashua becomes Steampunk City

By Angie Sykeny
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If you're walking through downtown Nashua on Saturday, June 20, you may be wondering what strange, alternate universe you've stumbled into, where everything is made of bronze and steel and people are dressed in Victorian-style clothes. It's all in the spirit of Steampunk City: Masquerade of Makers, a festival put on by Great American Downtown.

"Steampunk is a genre of fiction which centers around elements of historic styling inspired by the Victorian era and involves kind of an alternative evolution of technology where circuit boards never came about, but devices and technology are largely run by steam power," Paul Shea, executive director for Great American Downtown, said. "So it's very much like a Jules Verne and [H.G. Wells] *The Time Machine* type thing."

Attendees are encouraged to dress up in steampunk fashion — either 19th-century clothing, such as monocles, corsets, top hats and shirtwaists, or 19th-century clothing with a post-apocalyptic twist that includes metal embellishments, goggles and even gas masks.

From 2 to 8 p.m. in Railroad Square there will be a steampunk picnic featuring demonstrations, street performances, technology and art attractions, field activities and vendors. High-powered projec-



Designs by Cloak and Dagger Creations, one of the designers whose work will be featured in the steampunk fashion show. Photo credit Dina Flockhart.

tors will turn buildings around the Square into giant steampunk images, like a wall of moving gears, a clock tower, a train and others to enhance the feeling of being transported to another world.

Steampunkers can check out the carousel organ, which plays both old fair songs and modern songs, a musical Tesla coil and a first-person video remote-controlled steampunk chariot. There will be a blacksmithing demonstration as well as circus-style performances like whirlwind hooping. Vendors on site will be selling steampunk style clothes, accessories and more.

"It's an opportunity for people to dress up and express themselves how they like," Shea said. "And if they aren't getting dressed up, it's an opportunity to enjoy people-watching and see a good number of curious demonstrations that you wouldn't get to see otherwise."

Head to the library at 6 p.m. for the Alternative & Creative Ste-

ampunk Fashion Show, where the library will be transformed into a 24-foot fashion runway. The show, complete with professional lighting and sound and a live violinist, will feature steampunk styles from three different designers.

From 2 to 5 p.m. at Riverwalk Café and Music Bar, there will be an open mike for storytelling as well as a storytelling contest. Stories for the contest must be original work, have a steampunk theme and be read in 10 minutes or less.

While the festival is free to attend, you can also purchase a "support button," which will get you some added perks. Proceeds from the support buttons will benefit Makeit Labs, a community workshop in Nashua that gives people a space to build and create with metalworking, machining, carpentry, electronics and more. The members of Makeit Labs are heavily involved with the production of the fest and have created most of the technology that will be on dis-

play, such as the Tesla coil and the steampunk chariot, as well as the building projections.

"Having a fundraiser like this one, it's a perfect fit for us," said Johnathan Vail, a Makeit Lab member. "Since we build things and make things, we're able to tie that into the steampunk theme. It's mechanical and fun."

Those with a support button will get professional portraits taken of them in their steampunk attire, which will be available to download online for free after the event, entry into a steampunk outfit contest at the end of the night, and a pub walk with discounts at participating area bars and restaurants from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

"Steampunk is interesting and inspires creativity," Shea said. "We thought it'd be great to have an event that touches on history, technology and creativity, and to highlight all those aspects of our downtown while also providing people an opportunity for expression." 🍷

Steampunk City: Masquerade of Makers

Where: Downtown Nashua, primarily in Railroad Square

When: Saturday, June 20, 2 to 8 p.m.

Cost: Free admission. Support buttons are \$15 in advance, \$20 the day of the fest

Visit: downtownnashua.org

Children & Teens

Children events

• "RENEWING ENERGIES: FAIRY TALES, HEROES AND THE WISDOM OF STORIES"

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• **CHILDREN'S SCAVENGER HUNT** Search high and low for animals, patterns, architectural

shapes, and other treasures as we explore the rooms of the Langdon house. Follow with a self-guided scavenger hunt outside in the garden and bring a picnic lunch. Includes a visit to the contemporary sculpture exhibition *Sculpted Spaces, Historic Places* on view

at Langdon House. Thurs., June 18, July 16 and Aug. 20, 11 a.m. Langdon House, 143 Pleasant St., Portsmouth. \$8 for one caregiver and up to two children ages 4-7. Registration required online. Visit historicnewengland.org.

• **GET READY, GROW** A pro-

gram about the science of plants. Explore outdoors, play games and plant seeds. Thurs., June 18, 9:30 to 11 a.m. or 12:30 to 2 p.m. Amoskeag Fishways, 4 Fletcher St., Manchester. \$8 per family, and advance registration is required. Call 626-3474 or visit

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Lots of laughs

Join the Bedford Public Library (3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford) on Friday, June 19, from 2 to 3 p.m. for their Summer Reading Program Kickoff featuring the **Toe Jam Puppet Band**. This children's musical comedy duo puts on an interactive, all-ages show that has the audience singing, dancing and laughing. Registration is required. Visit bedfordnhlibrary.org or call 472-2300.

Hero happenings

Do you have what it takes to be a superhero? Find out at the Wadleigh Memorial Library's (49 Nashua St., Milford) **Superhero Training Party** on Friday, June 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. Discover your superhero powers, test your superhero skills, make a superhero mask and eat some super snacks. This event is for children entering grade 5 and under. Registration is required. Visit wadleighlibrary.org or call 249-0645.

Catch a super film at the Manchester City Library (405 Pine St., Manchester) on Friday, June 19, at 3 p.m. Disney computer-animated superhero comedy **Big Hero 6** tells the story of a young robotics prodigy who builds a team of superhero robots to fight an evil villain. This movie is 102 minutes long and rated PG. Visit manchester.lib.nh.us or call 624-6550.

Yummy occasions

The Culinary Playground (16 Manning St., Derry) will have a **preschool cooking class** on Friday, June 19, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and Saturday, June 20, at 10 and 11:30



a.m. Kids ages 3 through 6 will be making Hawaiian stuffed sweet potatoes with ham, pineapple and cheese. There will be a craft or story time while the dish is cooking. The cost is \$16 per child. Visit culinary-playground.com or call 339-1664.

Celebrate strawberry season at the **Bedford Strawberry Festival and Summer Kickoff**, happening at the town pool (20 Country Road, Bedford) on Saturday, June 20, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be local vendors and artists, performances, face painting, a bounce house and a strawberry shortcake eating contest. Visit friendsofbedfordcemeteries.org or email info@friendsofbedfordcemeteries.org.

Stop by the Merrimack Public Library (470 Daniel Webster Hwy., Merrimack) on Saturday, June 20, from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. for **Donuts with Dad**, a Father's Day party. Children ages 3 and older and their caregivers are invited to enjoy a father-centered storytime, crafts and donuts. Registration is required. Visit merrimack.lib.nh.us or call 424-5021.

(on Friday, June 19, from 6 p.m. to dark) with vendors, live entertainment and fireworks at the Somersworth High School grounds (11 Memorial Drive). See nhfestivals.org. Sat., June 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Celebration night on Fri., June 19, 6 p.m. to dark. Somersworth High School, 11 Memorial Drive, Somersworth. Noble Pines Park, Noble St., Somersworth. See nhfestivals.org.

• **COMICFEST** Cosplay contest, panels, workshops, video game tournament, anime screenings, board games, artists alley, kids' concert, Lego room, and more. Sat., June 20, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua. Visit nashualibrary.org/comicfest.

• **KIDS CARNIVAL** This family event includes games, goodies and prizes (primarily aimed at preschool aged-children) open

to both Milford residents and non-residents. Sat., June 20, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Keyes Memorial Park, 45 Elm St., Milford. See website. Visit milford.nh.gov.

• **CAPED CRUSADERS** Come and make a custom super hero costume. Capes supplied. For Ages 6 and up. Mon., June 22, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wadleigh Memorial Library, 49 Nashua St., Milford. Registration required. Call 249-0645.

• **INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD OF POETRY** Children's Museum of NH three-hour poetry workshop for children. Sat., June 27, 1-4 p.m. Children's Museum of NH, 6 Washington St., Dover. \$8. Visit childrens-museum.org

• **SUMMER READING KICKOFF** Program will feature local puppeteer, Diane Kordas, and will be followed by a puppet workshop for children. The kids

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June in the veggie garden

What to plant and how to do it

By Henry Homeyer
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I know gardeners who rush to get their veggies in the ground, starting spinach and peas in April, carrots, potatoes and more by mid-May and then tomatoes and all the rest by Memorial Day weekend. Not me. I'm just planting many things. Sure, my peas, planted in May, are about a foot tall. And all my root crops — beets, carrots, kohlrabi, leeks, onions and rutabaga are up and looking good. Let's look at some other vegetables.

Organic corn seeds, the type I buy, are not treated with fungicides and so they might rot if planted in wet, cool ground — and that describes the type of soil I have right now. So here's what I do: I plant them in "plug trays." Mine are plastic trays with 98 growing compartments per flat, each a bit deeper than the standard 6-packs I use for starting veggies in flats. I fill the holes with a 50-50 mix of potting soil and fine compost and plant one seed in each. Then I put them on the electric heat mats I use to provide bottom heat for starting seeds.

Corn takes 10 to 14 days to germinate in cold, wet soil. Last year, the first time I grew corn in many years, my corn germinated on a heat mat in three days! I let it grow for a week or so, allowing the roots to fill the soil compartments of my plug trays and develop true leaves.

Then, on a hot sunny day in mid-June, I planted the corn seedlings in the field. It was quick work for two people: I crawled along on my hands and knees, planting corn every 8 inches; my partner, Cindy slipped the plants out of the flat and handed them

to me. We allowed 30 to 36 inches between rows. If space is a constraint, you can plant rows 24 inches apart, but the ears will be smaller. In order to get good pollination, you must plant in blocks with at least four rows.

Crows are the bane of corn growers. They love the corn seeds that have just germinated and have some small leaves. By planting good-sized plants, the corn is less vulnerable. It only takes a day or so for the roots to develop the strength to resist crows, and the germinated seed is long gone.

A wise gardener who direct-seeds her corn told me that she sprinkles fresh grass clippings around her corn when it first germinates. The greenery disguises the seedlings, fooling the crows. She does that twice, allowing the corn to be well settled in. Slick!

June 10 is my usual day for planting tomatoes, though I've planted later, and the plants catch up quickly. I plant tomatoes deeply, or sideways. That way the long stems become shorter and less floppy, and the buried stems develop roots, providing more roots to absorb water and nutrients.

To plant sideways, dig a hole for the rootball and a trench for 6 inches (or more) of stem. Pinch off all the lower leaves and branches, just leaving the top leaves. Cover the rootball and stem, and turn the top up.

This year I am not adding any fertilizer in the planting hole. Usually I add some bagged, slow-release organic fertilizer in each hole. But reading Carol Deppe's book, *The Tao of Vegetable Gardening*, last winter convinced me that too much fertility encourages tall plants but less fruit. Maybe I'll do some each way and see for myself.



Pinch off lower leaves. Photo by Henry Homeyer.

The vine crops — cukes, zukes, winter squash and pumpkins — would be badly munched by striped cucumber beetles unless I take preventive actions. The dastardly beetles eat the new cotyledon leaves in a single night! So now I start them in small pots indoors, and let them develop foot-long vines before I put them out.

I also cover my vine crops with Reemay or row cover when I plant them to keep those beetles off. I don't bother using wire hoops to keep the Reemay off the plants, I just lay it down and pin the edges to keep it from blowing away. But I have to remove it when the plants flower, as they are insect-pollinated. By then the plants are big enough to survive. Row covers are good for keeping flea beetles off broccoli, too.

Potatoes can be planted in May, or now. I plant in June, in part because my soil is near a stream and is colder and wetter than many other gardens around. But I also do it so that the Colorado potato beetle will go to my neighbors' potatoes instead of mine (sorry, Lois). That's right, they will be munching away on the neighbor's potatoes before mine even go in the soil.

I plant lots of beans, in part because they freeze so well that I can store them and eat them all year. I plant beans in mid-June when the soil is plenty warm, 65 degrees or more, and when nights are warm, too.

Nights in the 40s or low 50s are very discouraging for warm-season crops like peppers, beans and tomatoes. Eggplants hate chilly nights. You can place a dark-colored rock the size of a melon near each eggplant, and it will soak up heat during the day and kick it back at night. I do that for peppers sometimes, too.

Gardening is a dance I do with the weather, the birds and the bugs. Sometimes I get great harvests; other times I do not. Still, I consider myself blessed to have a plot of good soil, an amenable climate, and the good health to pull the weeds!

Henry Homeyer can be reached at henry.homeyer@comcast.net.

will make a paper dragon puppet to take home. Sat., June 27, 11 a.m. Chester Public Library, 3 Chester St., Chester. Free. Call 8887-3404.

• **WENTWORTH MARINA STRIPED BASS TOURNAMENT FOR KIDS** Kids fishing tournament followed by entertainment, lunch and an awards ceremony. Ages 8 to 16. Sun., June 28. Wentworth By The Sea Marina, 116 Morgans Way, New Castle. See online for pricing details. Visit lhcfonline.com.

• **BIG TRUCK DAY** Meet local heroes and get a chance to see and touch their super vehicles. Mon., June 29, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Wadleigh Memorial Library, 49 Nashua St., Milford. Free. Call 249-0645.

Crafts

Exhibits

• **HOOKEED RUGS IN THE GARDENS** Take a self-guided wine and cheese tour of the extensive gardens featuring a collection of over 100 hand hooked rugs and mats. Proceeds benefit the Gilmanton Food Pantry and Gilmanton Year-Round Library. Sat., June 27, from 4 to 8 p.m. Rain date is Sun., June 28. Bittersweet Farm, 30 High St., Gilmanton. Cost is \$25 per ticket, \$40 for two. Must RSVP. Contact Sue or Dick Barr, 267-1905, susan.barr75@gmail.com.

Fairs

• **SUMMER CRAFT FAIR** Items available for sale include: jewelry, doll clothes, jams and pickles, artwork, wooden items, adult bibs and more. There will be a raffle for items donated by

the artisans taking part in the fair. Assorted food and beverages will be available for purchase. Sat., June 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Londonderry Senior Center, 535 Mammoth Road, Londonderry. Free. Call 432-8554.

• **SUMMER FUN CRAFT FAIR** More than 80 exhibitors will display wide variety of juried crafts, including glass art, metal art, quilts, pillows, primitive crafts, folk art, fine art, etc. Sat., June 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun., June 28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tanger Outlets, 120 Laconia Road, Tilton.

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• **GUNSTOCK MOUNTAIN RESORT 4TH OF JULY CRAFT FAIR** More than 100 exhibitors present. Sat., July 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Gunstock Moun-

tain Resort, 719 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford.

• **FOURTH OF JULY CRAFT FAIR** More than 100 exhibitors will be present, outside and inside air-conditioned buildings. Sat., July 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gunstock Mountain Resort, 719 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford. Free.

Festivals & Fairs

• **SOMERSWORTH INTERNATIONAL CHILDRENS FESTIVAL** Held at two locations in Somersworth. Features children's activities and entertainment from multiple cultures. Celebration Night will be held the night before the festival with vendors, live entertainment and fireworks at the Somersworth High School grounds. (on Friday, June 19, from 6

p.m. to dark) with vendors, live entertainment and fireworks at the Somersworth High School grounds (11 Memorial Drive). See nhfestivals.org. Sat., June 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Celebration night on Fri., June 19, 6 p.m. to dark. Somersworth High School, 11 Memorial Drive, Somersworth. Noble Pines Park, Noble St., Somersworth. See nhfestivals.org.

• **BOW MILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL** Featuring strawberries and strawberry shortcake, animals, kids activities vendors, demonstrations, live music and more. Bring your pets for an animal blessing at 10:30 a.m. Sat., June 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bow Mills United Methodist Church, 505 South St., Bow. Free admission. Visit bowmillsumc.com.

Dear Donna,

Can you tell me what this is? It's metal and, as you can see, has four holes for hanging. It's 28" x 12." I found it in a wall while doing renovations in a house we just bought. Thanks for any information.

David from Hooksett

Dear David,

It amazes me the things people find hidden within walls, and I often wonder why the items would have been there. These kind of finds are like mini time capsules.

I am not 100 percent sure, but I think the arrow you have is most likely an old advertising sign that has definitely seen lots of wear. The center could have been an advertisement for Coca-Cola or another soda brand. Again, it's tough to tell; I am sure it was a sign — just not exactly sure what for. It's tough to tell with no trace of paint or enameling left on the sign.

What you have now is a silhouette of what it was. It's still a great form and could look good on a base and used for decoration in your home possibly. The value I think just for the form would be in the \$100+



range. The shape, rusty condition and size I think would still make it desirable to someone for decorative purposes.

Nice find, David. You never know what's behind old walls.

Donna Welch has spent more than 20 years in the antiques and collectibles field and owns From Out Of The Woods Antique Center in Goffstown (fromoutofthewoodsantiques.com). She is an antiques appraiser and instructor. To find out about your antique or collectible, send a clear photo of the object and information about it to Donna Welch, From Out Of The Woods Antique Center, 465 Mast Road, Goffstown, N.H., 03045. Or email her at footwdw@aol.com. Or drop by the shop (call first, 624-8668).

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Expos

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Health & Wellness Nutrition workshops & seminars

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Misc

Car shows

CAR SHOW Join the Bedford Historical Society for their 10th Annual Antique & Classic Car & Truck & Motorcycle Show. Raffles, food, and activities for kids. Sat., June 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Raindate: Sun., June 28. Bedford Village Commons, Bedford. \$5 per person, kids 12 and

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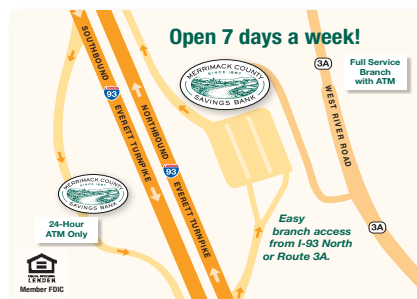
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Rancher is looking for car recommendations



By Ray Magliozzi

Dear Car Talk:

My Italian water buffalos, African pygmy goats, rescue Thoroughbred ex-racehorses and Rhodesian Ridgeback dogs are requesting your masterful insight, please, for what might be the perfect car for their transportation needs.

I have been pondering a replacement for my beloved 1998 Toyota RAV4 (206,000-plus miles) for several years now, but believe it or not, manufacturer brochures don't include animal-friendly ratings. My Toyota RAV4 runs wonderfully, with virtually no repairs needed during its 17-year tour of duty.

The only problem is that my human friends refuse to ride with me anymore, given the fur and hay that are imbedded in every interior inch, the dog-claw scratches on windows, chewed seat belts and tiny goat poops tucked into can't-vacuum crevices. And I think I now get about 12 miles to the gallon, even when it's not loaded with goats. Naturally, I want to get a new RAV4 -- and I will keep my original RAV4 as a shuttle for

the dogs when we go to the beach. My dream is a hybrid for the best

mileage, but lordy, it looks like those are \$50,000-plus. I need to save my money for buffalo chow. Can you please offer your recommendation for the perfect vehicle? Something that fills my emotional bond with the RAV4, has its car-handling feel and is not a truck or big SUV, but can fit at least three bales of hay in the back area. Having towing power for a two-horse or one-water-buffalo trailer is a huge bonus (about 2,500 pounds). Thank you so much! — Carey

I have news for you, Carey: The reason your friends won't ride with you isn't the hay or the dog scratches — it's the stench. Although I will admit that having to pick goat pellets out of your butt crack doesn't help.

So, one suggestion is to separate the people compartment from the animal compartment. There are two ways to do that. One is to buy yourself a car that's just for human transportation.

Then you can get anything you want: You can get another RAV4; you can get a Toyota Prius C, which gets a combined 50 mpg, for about \$25,000; or you

can get a Honda Fit, which gets a combined 35 mpg or so, for about \$20 grand. You could put a couple of dogs in any one of those for an outing to the beach. But you'd keep the old RAV4 to shuttle your livestock. Then at least you'd have a fighting chance to hold on to a few friends.

The other way to separate the four-leggeds from the two-leggeds is by getting a pickup truck with a cap on the back. Since you're partial to Toyotas, you could get the new 2016 Tacoma. You and your friends can ride up front (you can get one with four doors if you want), and Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom could ride in the back, in a cargo compartment that can be hosed out. And I hate to be the one to break this to you, Carey, but you desperately need something that can be lathered up and hosed out.

Of course, you'll sacrifice mileage and the small-car feel of your RAV4 that way, but, as you've figured out from your search so far, you're going to have to compromise somewhere.

If you really can't stand the idea of having two vehicles, I'd say the one car that would most meet your needs (except

for having humans tolerate riding with you) would be a used Honda Element. They stopped making it in 2011, apparently because the Italian water buffalo transportation market wasn't all it was cracked up to be.

But the truth is, the Element's mileage isn't that much better than what you'd get in a new Toyota Tacoma. Most people get low- to mid-20s, overall, in their Elements.

Given the reality of your needs, Carey, I actually lean toward a pickup truck for you. The 2016 Tacoma, with a new engine and 6-speed automatic transmission, should get better mileage than the current one. It allows you to stay loyal to your Toyota roots, and, most importantly, it provides an impenetrable exterior wall between you and the goat droppings. In fact, be sure NOT to get the optional rear sliding window so you won't be tempted to ever open it.

You have to face the fact that you really are a rancher, Carey. A very weird rancher, yes. But I think you need a ranch vehicle, and that's pickup truck. Send a picture.

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Outdoor activities

Quarrybrook gets active in the outdoors



High School students play a game on the Quarrybrook field at a previous event. Courtesy photo.

By Angie Sykeny
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The Quarrybrook Outdoor Learning Center in Windham is celebrating the beginning of its summer season with a free Active in the Outdoors community event on Saturday, June 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Families and individuals are invited to explore the Quarrybrook property and join in a day of games, guided hikes and all things outdoors.

“We wanted to give the community an opportunity to see Quarrybrook and use the beautiful woods and everything we have to offer here,” Meghan Lemke, the center’s education administrator, said. “People can come, bring their picnic lunches, be outside with family and friends, meet other people from their community and just embrace this beautiful summer.”

Quarrybrook educators will lead a total of four hikes through the property woods. Beginning at 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., and 12:15 p.m., there will be an all-ages hike with very easy terrain that takes 45 minutes to complete. Lemke said people can even bring heavy-duty strollers on this one. The advanced hike will launch at 11:15 a.m. and is open to adults and teens 14 and older. This one, with more challenging terrain, leads hikers to the far end of the property and takes an hour-and-a-half to complete. Lemke said though the hikes are just for enjoyment and aren’t geared toward seeing any specific plants or wildlife, hikers should keep their eyes open.

“We’re really just trying to get people outside, to explore and see what they can

find and learn,” Lemke said, “but we do have a mama and baby owls ... and we just saw one of the babies out and about for the first time out of the nest, so hopefully we’ll be able to spot them while we are out there [on the hikes].”

In the Quarrybrook field, there will be games for all ages happening throughout the day, including kickball, capture the flag, soccer and more. At 11 a.m., a guest yoga instructor will lead an outdoor youth yoga class appropriate for kids ages 5 and over. Younger children can try out the kids’ obstacle course built for the event.

Active in the Outdoors is Quarrybrook’s June community event. The center has been hosting monthly community events on every third Saturday since February, with outdoor activities that make the most of the season. Previous events have included snow hikes, learning about maple syrup, an Earth Day celebration and an aquatic pond dip.

“As we know in New England, we don’t get sunny days all year long,” Lemke said, “so we thought June is the best time to get everyone outdoors, to utilize our fields and sandpits and woods, and be active in the warm, beautiful sunshine.” ☀️



A family gets active with a recycled jump rope made out of plastic bags at a previous Quarrybrook event. Courtesy photo.

Active in the Outdoors Community Event

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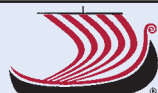


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Holiday events

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• **FOURTH ON THE FARM** Activities include patriotic music, a reading of the Declaration of Independence, croquet and old-fashioned games, writing with a quill pen, historic farmhouse tours, farm animals, strawberry shortcake and more. Sat., July 4, noon to 4 p.m. New Hampshire Farm Museum, Route 125, White Mountain Highway, Milton. Call 652-7840, visit farmmuseum.org.

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• **MUSIC, MOVIE, & POSTER SALE** Red River Theatres will be hosting its annual fundraising sale inside the theater during Concord Market Days. They will be selling gently used CDs, DVDs, records, tapes and hundreds of recent movie posters. Sat., June 27, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Red River Theatres, 11 S Main St. # L1, Concord. Call 568-9241.
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Nature & Gardening Animals/insects

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• **BEE TALK** Talk about the

roles and importance of native bees in NH's natural ecosystem and agriculture and what you can do to support the bees on your property. The group will build a "bee hotel" to provide a nesting habitat for native bees at the library. Wed., June 24, 6:30 p.m. Smyth Public Library, 55 High St., Candia. Free. Call 483-8245.
• **MOOSE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE** In this program, learn about the history of moose in New Hampshire, their current status and how we can sustain them in the future. Tues., June 30, 7 to 8:30 p.m. NH Audubon, 84 Silk Farm Road, Manchester. Donations accepted. Call 224-9909 or visit nhaudubon.org.
• **WHAT'S THAT DRAGONFLY?** A walk to learn about the dragonflies and damselflies that can be discovered in the region. Bring your camera, and you may want a note-book to record those interesting names. Sat., July 11, 8:30 to 10 a.m. TL Storer Boy Scout Reservation, 4 Adams Pond Road, Strafford. Free. Call 463-9400.

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Nature hikes & walks

• **WORDLESS WALKS** Walk through the woods silently with a group to become more connected to yourself and to nature. Tues., June 23, 9 to 10 a.m. Mine Falls Park entrance, Nashua. Free. Visit dianemackinnon.com.
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• **PLANTS TO KNOW, PLANTS TO EAT** A walk along the shores of Wild Goose Pond and in the woods beyond to search for edible foods the New Hampshire landscape provides. Bring a few containers to take home samples of your discoveries. Sat., Sept. 12, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Graylag Cabins, 320 Clough Road, Pittsfield. Free. Call 463-9400.

Sports & Recreation Golf events

• **GOLF TOURNAMENT AND DINNER** Event to benefit Our Promise to Nicholas, working to cure Batten Disease - a childhood brain disease. Sat., June 20, 1:30 to 9 p.m. Stonebridge Country Club, 161 Gorham Pond Road, Goffstown. Packages vary from \$50 to \$5,000. Visit ourpromise-tonicholas.com.
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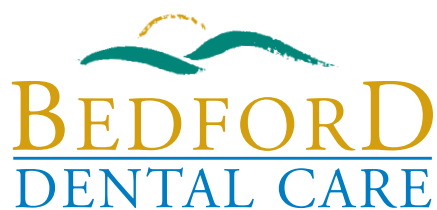
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Hospitality Golf Tournament to help fund local industry education programs. Thurs., June 25. Lochmere Golf & Country Club, 360 Laconia Road, Tilton. \$100 to \$2500. Visit lakesregion.org.

Runs/walks/races

• **LITE UP THE NIGHT FOR MENTAL HEALTH 5K** A local run/walk organized to help provide an improved quality of life for those who are challenged with mental illness. Thurs., June 18, activities begin at 4:15 p.m., race begins at 6:30 p.m. Derryfield Park, Louis Israel Martel Drive, Manchester. \$25 by June 16. \$30 on race day. Visit runformentalhealth.org.

• **MANCHESTER MOSQUITO STOMP** A 1-mile walk through downtown Manchester to help stomp out malaria. Thurs., June 18, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Onsite registration begins at 3 p.m. Stanton Plaza next to the Radisson Hotel Downtown, Elm St., Manchester. \$20 donation. Visit manchester-mosquitostomp.org.

• **EXETER TRAIL RACE** Join in for the Exeter Trail Race, touted as the most technical race in New England. It features a 10-mile and a 4.6-mile race through the Oaklands and Henderson-Swasey Town Forests. Sat., June 27, 10 a.m. Town Forests, 6 Commerce Way, Exeter. Races cost from \$20 to \$30. Visit acidoticracing.com. Email sarah.silverberg@gmail.com for questions.

• **ROSANNE'S RUSH RESEARCH 5K RUN/WALK** Run for a good cause at the 5th annual Rosanne's Rush for Research 5K Run/Walk, at 9 a.m. at Nashua High School South. The race will take runners through the trails of Mine Falls Park. Proceeds will support research for the treatment of triple negative breast cancer. Sun., June 28, 9 a.m. Nashua High School South, 36 Riverside St., Nashua. Registration costs \$25 for adults, \$15 for children and free for kids under 6. Visit rushforresearch.org. Send email questions to Dave Sullivan at Dave@RushForResearch.org

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• **HINCKLEY ALLEN MANCHESTER MILE AND 5K** You'll want to stretch before running in the Hinckley Allen Manchester Mile and 5K. The 5K starts at 7 p.m. at Derryfield Park and the one mile run, which is considered the fastest mile in the country, starts at 8. City fireworks follow the race at 9. Fri., July 3, 7 p.m. Derryfield Park, Manchester. Online registration for everyone 12 and older is \$25 for the 5K and \$15 for the mile. Add \$5 for day-of registration. Kids pay \$10. Go to millenniumrunning.com.

• **MERRIMACK SPARKLER 5K WALK/RUN** Give it your all at the Merrimack Sparkler 5K Run/Walk, starting at the Merrimack YMCA, 6 Henry Clay Drive, at 8 a.m. The race benefits Merrimack High School athletics. Sat., July 4, 8 a.m. Merrimack YMCA, 6 Henry Clay Dr., Merrimack. Costs from \$15 to \$20 for adults and from \$10 to \$15 for kids. Email info@Sparkler5k.us for questions.

• **REVOLUTION RUN** This race features a 5K and a 10K route. Sat., July 4, 8:30 a.m. Holman Stadium, Amherst St., Nashua. Registration costs from \$30 to \$40 for adults and from \$5 to \$20 for kids. Visit revrunnashua.com.

• **LIVE FREE OR DIE 5000** Celebrate the state motto with a run. Live Free or Die 5000 was established to preserve the memory of Jeremy Graczyk and inspire others to live a life of meaning, every day. All proceeds go to the Major Jeremy J. Graczyk USMC Memorial Scholarship fund. Sat., July 11, 7 a.m. 60 Pope Field, Atkinson. Online registration costs from \$20 to \$30, and \$35 for day-of registration. See livefreeordie5000.squarespace.com.

• **BEAR BROOK TRAIL MARATHON/ HALF-MARATHON** Tear up the trail at the Bear Brook Trail Marathon and half-marathon at 6 and 6:30 a.m. at Bear Brook State Park. The marathon is anywhere from 27 to 30 miles long and take runners throughout the 10,000-acre

park and combines fast single-track sections with challenging climbs and descents. The half-marathon is 13 miles. Sun., July 12, 6 a.m. Bear Brook State Park, 157 Deerfield Rd., Allenstown. Registration costs \$55 for the marathon and \$45 for the half-marathon. Visit ultrasignup.com. Send email to kfolcik2@gmail.com for questions.

• **41ST ANNUAL STRATHAM FAIR 5.7-MILE ROAD RACE & TWO-PERSON RELAY RACE** Hit the pavement during the 41st Annual Stratham Fair 5.7-Mile Road Race & Two-Person Relay Race. Sat., July 18, 8:30 a.m. Stratham Hill Park, Route 33, Stratham. Registration costs \$20 for individuals and \$40 for relay teams. Visit runreg.com

• **48TH BILL LUTI 5 MILER** The event also features a kids' fun run. Sat., July 18, 9 a.m. Clinton St., 70 S. Fruit St., Concord. Registration costs \$15 online and \$25 in person. Contact 863-2537. Visit gsrs.com/luti.

• **PEASE 7K ROAD RACE/WALK** Pound the ground at the Pease 7K Road Race/Walk also features a half-mile Kids Fun Run and 100-yard dash. Sun., July 19, 8 a.m. Short St., Newington. The race costs from \$20 to \$25 and kids run or walk for free. Contact 430-2595.

• **4TH ANNUAL NORTH-EAST DELTA DENTAL MERRIMACK RIVER TRIATHLON** Bike, run and paddle your way to victory at the 4th Annual Northeast Delta Dental Merrimack River Trail Triathlon. The event includes a 4K off-road bike ride, a 3K run and a 3K paddle for fun for all ages. Sun., July 19, 9:30 a.m. Buffalo Wild Wings, 6 Loudon Rd., Concord. Registration costs \$25 to \$30 for individuals, \$45 to \$50 for teams. Kids under 14 pay \$10. Contact 223-1537 or send email to twalton@nedelta.com.

• **THE HULA HUSTLE 5K & 10K** Go Hawaiian at The Hula Hustle 5K and 10K in Manchester. All finishers get a lei when they cross the finish. Sun., July 19, 10 a.m. Executive Health And Sports Center, 1 Highland Way, Manchester. Races cost from \$25 to \$35. Visit millenniumrunning.com/hula.

Laptop shopping essentials

What you should know about new portable computers

By John "jaQ" Andrews
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When shopping for a laptop, you'll want to have a rough budget in mind beforehand. If you come in under it, great, but saving a few bucks now can cause frustration in the long run when your computer is slow or starts falling apart.

As The Bottle Rockets say, if a thousand-dollar car was truly worth a damn, then why would anybody ever spend ten grand?

Competent, no-frills laptops start around \$400 on sale. Figure another \$200 each for upgraded processor, memory and storage options. Think about these factors to set a realistic budget.

Screen size. Aside from more viewing area, a bigger screen allows more room for more powerful, heat-generating components — at the cost of portability.

Operating system. Adore Apple? Married to Microsoft? What about Google's Chrome OS, with a narrower focus on cloud services and Web apps? There's even Linux, though consumer computers with it preinstalled are few and far between. Windows is on the greatest variety of laptops.

Processor. It's been ages since I recommended a non-Intel processor for a consumer laptop. The main competition, AMD, can do fast and cheap, but Intel has gotten reliability and compatibility down solid.

Pay more attention to the processor type than its speed in GHz. Most folks will be happy with an Intel Core i5. The Core i3 is cheaper and weaker, but adequate for office tasks and Web browsing. A Core i7 consumes more electricity but is quite powerful. Don't bother with Core Duo, Core 2 Duo, Pentium or Celeron nameplates.

Memory. This one's easy: more RAM (Random Access Memory) is always better, because then you can run more and bigger programs. A basic laptop today should have at least 4GB RAM, and at least 8GB if you plan on doing photo or video editing or keep a lot of browser tabs open at once.

It's often cheaper to buy third-party memory rather than pay up front for more built-in memory, but empty upgrade slots are rare these days. Even if memory can be increased, you might have to replace



the existing RAM to do so. Especially thin laptops usually can't be upgraded after purchase.

Storage. More is better here too, but there are tradeoffs. Hard disk drives (HDDs) are on their way out, technologically, in favor of solid state disks (SSDs). The latter is pricier per gigabyte but much, much quicker to boot up and load files. They're also more resilient, so if you're prone to dropping your laptop, they're less likely to crash and corrupt your data.

Optical drive. Do you still rip CDs? Watch DVDs or Blu-ray movies? Okay, now do you need that functionality permanently attached? Because external optical drives are cheap and reduce the lug factor of laptops significantly.

Convertible. A laptop is a laptop, except when it's also a tablet. A screen that folds over or behind the keyboard isn't quite as portable, while notebooks with detachable screens tend to be less powerful. All else being equal, you'll spend a hundred or two more for a convertible laptop, but if you plan to spend long stretches just consuming and not creating content, it offers a lot of freedom.

Touchscreen. You don't need a fully convertible laptop to get a touchscreen; they're available on conventional notebooks too. Well, Windows 8 machines and Chromebooks, anyway; the oft-rumored "iPad Pro" is but a dream at the moment.

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Q: Explain in one sentence what your current job is.

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How long have you worked there?

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How did you get interested in this field?

One of my earlier jobs, I was an administrative assistant and they started giving me some accounting duties to help out, and I really started to enjoy it. That was about 10 years ago.



Rebecca Valentine

What kind of education or training did you need for this job?

I have my associate's degree in accounting. I also have the 10 years experience, and I plan to take advantage of — they have 100 percent tuition reimbursement here, which is pretty awesome — to get my bachelor's.

How did you find your current job?

I found it on jobsinnh and on Indeed.

I had been working in Mass., and I was looking for something closer.

What's the best piece of work-related advice anybody's ever given you?

The best I've ever gotten was from here, [from] the CFO: "No one ever dies from accounting." I like that a lot.

What do you wish you'd known at the beginning of your career?

I wish I had known earlier that I wanted to be in accounting. I didn't really know until I stumbled on it. And I wish I had known about Wire Belt, too.

What is your typical at-work uniform?

I would just say business casual, really.

What was the first job you ever had?

Babysitting, and I didn't like it at all. I was in high school, so, you know... [laughs]. — Josh Rosenson

Five favorites

Favorite Book: *Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett

Favorite Movie: *The Godfather*

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News from the local food scene

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FOOD

Greek eats

Annual lamb barbecue celebrates Greek cuisine

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By 9 a.m. on recent Wednesday morning, a handful of women were already up to their elbows in dough, syrup and powdered sugar, settling in for a day in the kitchen at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. The task at hand was to make over 200 kataifi and 300 kourabiethes, plus finikia and koulourakia, for the church's upcoming annual lamb barbecue on Saturday, June 20.

Two weeks before the barbecue each year, six or seven women dedicate their time to prepare barbecued lamb, baklava, pastichio, Greek meatballs, stuffed grape leaves and pastry for over 5,000 people.

"We do produce — it's amazing," Roxann Stergiou said.

She organizes and oversees the cooking process and preparation, laughingly accepting the title of "queen" or "grand poobah" from her fellow cooks.

St. Nicholas's annual barbecue began about 15 years ago as a picnic for the church community, but as the years went on it grew in popularity, and church members upped the food ante.

"We didn't have what we have now, [which is] a variety of food and also the pastry," Stergiou said.

The main dish on which the barbecue was founded is lamb, still the centerpiece of the annual event. Marinated for three days before, all of the lamb is made fresh and grilled the day of, going straight from grill to plate. Another popular item served every year are lamb burgers.

The recipes used for the dishes each year are all family favorites that feature authen-

Annual lamb barbecue

When: Saturday, June 20, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 1160 Bridge Street Extension, Manchester

Visit: stnicholas-man-nh.org
Admission is free. Food priced per item.



Tray full of freshly made kataifi, shredded filo dough rolled around a sweet nut mixture dipped in a syrup. Photo by Allie Ginwala.

tic Greek flavors and ingredients like mint, parsley, sugar, honey and vanilla, along with the regional spices chosen by that year's chairman. Since Stergiou is leading the cooking this year, they'll use Macedonian spices.

"Every region has basically the same but a little bit of different spices," she said. "I'm from Macedonia so I'm using Macedonian spices, which is spearmint, oregano. ... I don't use a lot of cinnamon in the cooking except the pastry."

The same group of women volunteer year to year, Stergiou said, with a handful of young people taking a few hours off from work to come and contribute. From 7 a.m. to the early afternoon, women duck in and out for other appointments or commitments while a core group remains to keep the process going.

"It's really amazing with these women," Stergiou said.

In the morning, she'll come in and tell everyone what the day's item is and they'll get right to work. For that day's kourabiethes, one woman stood in the main kitchen area, constantly running the standing mixer and checking on the batches in the oven while another two women sat at

a table kneading dough and shaping it into the proper size for the cookies. Once they were out of the oven, Stergiou covered them with generous amounts of powdered sugar.

The other pastry being made was the kataifi, a sweet nut mixture wrapped with shredded filo dough. Dipped in a syrup of rose water, vanilla and brandy, they are then arranged on trays and covered with sheets to maintain the moisture.

It's a "Greek festival with a little bit of international," Stergiou said, and as such, homemade whoopie pies and fudge will also be available at the barbecue.

"It's a family type church, and we have an awful lot of young people attending mainly because it's 95 percent English," Stergiou said. "We do have mixed marriages so we want them to be happy and welcome here."

The small, family community at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church will host the festival on the grounds of the church, nestled into a neighborhood on Bridge Street. Tents will be set up in case of inclement weather, and guests can enjoy Greek music throughout the day while getting their fill of Greek favorites. 🍷

Sips at Winnepesaukee

Wine festival celebrates 10th year

By Allie Ginwala
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A trip to Nantucket with a friend is all it took to inspire Diane Downing, vice president of The Common Man Family of

Restaurants, to start a wine festival in New Hampshire.

"We were inspired by the Nantucket Wine Festival and, actually, that was it," Downing said in a phone interview.

Now in its 10th year, the Winnepesau-

kee Wine Festival gives guests the chance to sample from over 150 national and international wines and food pairings from The Common Man's Meredith locations and other local restaurants.

"The selection of wines are vast and they

• **What's brewing in Concord?** New restaurant and future nanobrewery Area 23 (Smokestack Center, 254 N. State St., Unit H, Concord, thearea23.com) recently welcomed guests to its new space, which includes five dart lanes, a bar lined with coins from around the world and plenty of room to play board games, chat and have a good time. Area 23's menu features calzones, roast stuffed chicken, bowls of bacon and more. On tap is a selection of local and regional beers such as Kelsen Brewing Company, Able Ebenezer Brewing Company and 603 Brewery, as well as mead from Moonlight Meadery. Area 23 will celebrate its grand opening in July. See thearea23.com or find them on Facebook.

• **Brew history:** Learn about New England's craft beer roots during author Lauren Clark's visit to Barnes & Noble (125 S. Broadway, Salem) as she shares from her book *Crafty Bastards: Beer in New England from the Mayflower to Modern Day*. On Saturday, June 20, at 1 p.m. enjoy a book signing and look into the region's complex beer history that began with the Pilgrims. Journalist, former bartender and brewer, Clark is the founder of DrinkBoston.com and has had articles in the *New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Boston Herald* and more.

• **Wine for animal welfare:** The Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire, in partnership with Grape Time Winery and IncrediBREW in Nashua, announced in a press release that New Hampshire State Liquor Stores will carry Super Tuscan and White Cranberry Pinot Grigio, two of the League's private-label wines, in 10 greater Manchester locations. "We are delighted with the support of our community, Grape Time Winery & IncrediBREW, and the New Hampshire State Liquor Stores that will sell these wines in support of the thousands of pets and people served each year by The League," Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire President and CEO Monica Zulauf said in the press release. A portion of the wine sales will help The League continue to provide and care for pets. "These 47 ▶

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anywhere from Italian, Spanish, French to African, American, New Zealand, there are wines from all over the world," she said.

In addition to the wine, beer from New England breweries and vodka from Triple Eight Distillery in Nantucket will also be available.

The wines are selected by Jean Osborne from Martignetti Companies, partner for the festival and primary vendor for The Common Man Restaurants. Vendors will pour anywhere from four to eight wines with representatives (and sometimes wine-makers) ready to answer questions. For those who want to keep track of all the wines they enjoyed, vendors will have info cards for guests to take home.

In honor of reaching the decade milestone, a VIP tasting room has been added on to this year's festival. VIP guests enjoy a separate tasting room with wine and food pairings in "the upper echelon," Downing said.

"It being a 10th year we wanted to make ... more of a splash," she said.

While the perfect summertime location of the Winnepesaukee Wine Festival seems like the result of an expertly executed plan, Downing said holding the festival in Meredith wasn't necessarily an initial goal but something that came about through the right timing and opportunity.

"I think we were newly opened at the Lakehouse Grille at Church Landing at that time, and it seemed like the perfect vehicle," she said. "The ballroom is beautiful and it lends itself perfectly to the flow of this type of an event."

Downing said if she was coming as a guest, she'd want to make a summer getaway out of it. A pre-festival beach party will be held the night before at Town Docks Restaurant with a beach bar and live music and the day of the festival is open for kayaking, boating, paddleboarding or "just enjoying a lazy day on the beach," she said.

One strategy Downing suggests for festival goers is to realize that unless you're an extremely focused sipper and swirler, there's no way to try all of the wines offered.

"The idea is to get there on time and peruse the room and make your map about the wines you really want to taste and plan for those," she said.

A corral of wine vendors will set up in the center of the ballroom at Church Landing and the restaurants and food vendors will organize around the perimeter of the room.

"You can step into the center, get your wine to taste, step out and get your food and walk the circle of the room," she said. "Each of the restaurants...highlight something that they're proud of and something that is easy to eat."

The Common Man's Lakehouse Grille, Camp, Town Docks and Lago will serve



The Winnepesaukee Wine Festival. Courtesy photo.

hors d'oeuvres along with food pairings from Patrick's Pub & Eatery, The Corner House Inn, Ben & Jerry's and Ooo La La Creative Cakes.

One thing Downing really appreciates about the Winnepesaukee Wine Festival is its charitable component.

"What I love about it most is we do a lot of charitable events but ... this particular event I love because of its simplicity," she said.

This year's festival benefits Veterans Count, a subsidiary of Easter Seals.

"It's a \$50 donation at the door and with that it's all the beer and wine you can taste and the martinis and the food and it's a beautiful social evening," she said. "It's very comfortable and very easy and very enjoyable." 🍷

Pre-wine festival beach party

When: Tuesday, June 23, at 6 p.m.
Where: Town Docks outdoor tiki bar, 289 D.W. Hwy., Meredith
 Admission is free. Portion of the evening's sales benefit Veterans Count.

10th annual Winnepesaukee Wine Festival

When: Wednesday, June 24, from 6 to 8 p.m.
Where: Winnepesaukee Ballroom at Church Landing, 281 Daniel Webster Hwy., Meredith
Tickets: Tickets cost \$50 in advance, \$55 at the door, VIP tickets cost \$75 in advance, \$80 at the door. Register at vetscount.org/events/winniwine. Visit thecman.com.



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IN THE KITCHEN WITH TIM RAPP

Arnie's Place (164 Loudon Road, Concord, 228-3225, arniesplace.com) is known in the Concord community for its barbecue, homemade ice cream and friendly local atmosphere, which was a big draw for manager Tim Rapp when he joined the Arnie's family just over a year ago. After managing corporate restaurants for 16 years, he enjoys the loyal staff and customer base as well as the freedom to try new specials and make different kinds of ice cream. His current flavor focus is a maple bacon ice cream — he wants to be the first to master it and bring it to the next New England Ice Cream Restaurant Association gathering.



What is your must-have kitchen item?

Our dry rub. It's a secret. I don't even know what all's in it.

What would you choose for your last meal?

Combo platter with pulled pork and spare ribs.

Favorite restaurant besides your own?

Angelina's [in downtown Concord].

What celebrity would you like to see eating at your restaurant?

I'll go with Big Papi from the Red Sox.

What is the biggest food trend in New Hampshire right now?

Coconut roasted almond ice cream pie

From the kitchen of Tim Rapp

Oreo pie crust
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Sriracha has been huge. ... We've done some specials with sriracha — we did a bacon, bleu cheese and sriracha burger one day that was absolutely delicious, with the spiciness of the sriracha and then the bleu cheese sort of balanced it out a little bit.

What is your favorite meal to cook at home?

I make homemade spaghetti sauce from scratch that's pretty delicious [and] homemade pizza dough. I grew up in the kitchen with my grandmas and my mom.

What is your favorite dish on your restaurant's menu?

Pulled pork sandwich.
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FOOD

Farm fresh gala

The Farmers Dinner hosts an evening of hors d'oeuvres

Sample an array of hors d'oeuvres sourced from local farms. Photo by Sid Ceasar Photography.

By Allie Ginwala
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With the success of last year's Main Street dinner in Nashua and a desire to highlight local farmers and their stories, The Farmers Dinner will hold its first gala event on Sunday, June 21, featuring an evening of hors d'oeuvres from area farms.

"We want people to have a variety of different samples of what is really around here for produce and protein," Keith Sarasin, The Farmers Dinner founder and owner, said in a phone interview. "We're going to spotlight a lot of the good happening in the community."

Sarasin had the idea for a gala, different from the usual Farmers Dinner format, that would showcase more of the farmers' stories while also raising money for the charities Organization for Refugees and Immigrant Success, Gate City Community Gardens Inc. and Marguerite's Place. All of the evening's profit will benefit the local charities.

"Last year after the success of Main Street [in Nashua] we wanted to find a way to give back even more and we wanted to make sure that we highlight the amazing stories that might have gone unheard in the hustle and bustle of Main Street," Sarasin said.

The gala is a partnership between The Farmers Dinner, Greater Nashua Chamber of

Commerce and Great American Downtown, with Celebrations Catering, based in Nashua, providing all of the hors d'oeuvres.

Unlike many Farmers Dinner events, Sarasin said, the gala doesn't have a specific theme other than staying local and seasonal.

"The theme that we're going [for] with this is diversity," he said. "I didn't want to stick with just one theme."

His goal is to show a selection that allows guests to explore their options for local food.

"We wanted people to understand that just

because you're buying local doesn't mean you're buying one cuisine," he said.

The Farmers Dinner Gala menu achieves its goal of using local ingredients in diverse dishes such as Thai chicken lettuce wraps with lemongrass-seasoned minced chicken, sriracha and

hoisin, and seared pork belly with a honey miso glaze and green pea puree. A strawberry mascarpone shortbread dessert will round off the night.

Brookford Farm in Canterbury, Sullivan Farm in Nashua, Lull Farm in Hollis and the ORIS fresh start farms are several of those providing produce and protein for the gala.

One of the biggest challenges for the event was finding the right venue in downtown Nashua to support 250 guests, so Sarasin reached out to the Peacock Players and secured the Court Street Theatre for the gala. A barn atmosphere will be recreated indoors with hay bales, stalls and a windmill borrowed from the Peacock Players' production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

"The Court Street Theatre is an old theater with a lot of charm to it," Sarasin said. "We want people to come to the farm we're setting up that night."

“ The theme that we're going [for] with this is diversity. I didn't want to stick with just one theme. **”**

KEITH SARASIN

The Farmers Dinner Gala

When: Sunday, June 21, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Where: Court Street Theatre, 14 Court St., Nashua

Tickets: \$35

Visit: thefarmersdinner.com

are exciting times for the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire's private-label wines and we couldn't be happier to support this cause that is so close to our customers and our community," Erik Crosswell, owner of Grape Time Winery & IncredibREW, said in the press release.

• **Chocolatey accolades:** Samantha Downing of Dancing Lion Chocolate (917 Elm St., Manchester, 625-4043, dancinglion.us) has recently returned to Manchester upon completing her Maitre Chocolatier certification from Ecole Du Grand Chocolat Valrhona in Tain L'Hermitage, France, according to a press release. She joins Dancing Lion Chocolate owner Richard Tango-Lowy as the second master chocolatier at Dancing Lion.

• **Tasting in Portsmouth:** Support No Kid Hungry Share Our Strength on Wednesday, June 24, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at Portsmouth Taste of the Nation, held at Strawberry Banke Museum (14 Hancock St., Portsmouth). Enjoy bites from a host of local restaurants including Dolphin Striker, The Blue Mermaid, Portsmouth Brewery, Stages at One Washington,

Jumpin' Jays Fish Cafe, Row 34 and more. General admission costs \$95, \$175 for VIP admission. Visit ce.strength.org/events/portsmouth-taste-nation.

• **Season of strawberries:** The Friends of the Town of Bedford Cemeteries present the seventh annual Bedford Strawberry Festival on Saturday, June 20, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Town of Bedford Performance Stage Field (next to Town Pool). The family-fun day will feature strawberry shortcake, a strawberry shortcake eating contest, local clubs, vendors, raffles, kids' games and more. See friendsofbedfordcemeteries.org for more details.

• **A decade of Peddler's:** The Peddler's Daughter (48 Main St., Nashua, 821-7535, thepeddlersdaughter.com) celebrated 10 years in Nashua on Sunday, June 14, with an evening of food, music, dance, raffles and giveaways. "We have been fortunate to build so many great relationships and have countless memorable experiences over the past 10 years," the press release said. "We hope you can join us to start off another decade at The Peddler's Daughter in the great City of Nashua." 🍷

blessing at 10:30 a.m. Sat., June 27, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bow Mills United Methodist Church, 505 South St., Bow. Free admission. Visit bowmillsumc.com.

• **HOLLIS STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL** Festival features strawberry shortcake, strawberry sundaes, ice cream cones and more. The Hollis Town Band, Stagecoach Women's Chorus, a piccolo duet and vocalist Noelle Bourquard will perform. Sun., June 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. Hollis Town Common, Hollis. Admission is free. Food prices range from \$5 to \$7. Visit holliswomansclub.org.

• **GRAIN & GRAPE FESTIVAL** Try new and unique beers and wines from New Hampshire at "Party on the Mountain." Food will be available from local restaurants. Sun., June 28, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wine tastings at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Pats Peak Ski Area, 686 Flanders Road, Henniker. Wine and beer tasting costs \$40, beer tasting only costs \$30, general admission only costs \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Visit hennikerlions.org.

Chef events/special meals

• **SIPPIN' FOR SEALS** Second annual event to benefit Marine Mammal Rescue and ocean education in New Hampshire. Enjoy bites from local chefs and a specialty cocktails from Atlantic Grill's master bartender. Thurs., June 18, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Seacoast Science Center, 570 Ocean Blvd., Rye. Cost is \$50 per person. 21+ event only. Visit seacoastsciencecenter.org or call 436-8043 ext. 26 to register.

• **FARM BRUNCHES** At Moulton Farm. Outdoor brunch offered select Sundays through September with seasonal fruit, baked goods, egg and meat dishes. Sun., June 21, July 12, Aug. 9, Aug. 30, Sept. 13, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to noon. Moulton Farm, 18 Quarry Road, Meredith. Cost is \$14.99 per adult, \$9.99 for children 10 and under. Visit moultonfarm.com or facebook.com/MoultonFarm.

Church & charity suppers/bake sales

• **EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH COOKOUT** Annual event features hamburgers, hot-dogs, chicken, salads, desserts, an inflatable bouncy house, water slide, outdoor games, face painting and prize drawings. Event held rain or shine. Sat., June 20, from noon to 4 p.m. Food served from 12:30 to 2 p.m.; bouncy house, water slide and outdoor games from noon to 4 p.m.; face painting from 1 to 2 p.m. Emmanuel Baptist Church, 14 Mammoth Road, Hooksett. Visit emmanuelbaptistchurch.com.

• **COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** A la carte breakfast menu benefits the American Legion Post 65 and community outreach. Sun. from 8-11

a.m. Philbrick-Clement Post 65 American Legion, 12 N. Stark Hwy., Weare. Cost ranges from \$3.50-\$7. Call 529-2722, or visit nhpost65.us.

• **FIREHOUSE BREAKFAST** Proceeds benefit the Firemen's Relief Association. Second Sun. of the month from through October. Milford Fire Department, 39 School St., Milford. Cost is \$6, children under 5 free.

• **COMMUNITY SUPPER** Monthly community supper. On the third Wed. of the month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Milford, 20 Elm St., Milford. Visit uucm.org.

Classes/workshops

• **LA SCUOLA CULINARIA** Learn to cook Italian artisan food led by Tuscan Market chefs. Classes are followed by multi-course dinner. Sun., June 21, at 3 p.m. (gelato class). Tuscan Market, 63 Main St., Salem. Class costs \$40. Visit tuscanbrands.com.

• **HANDS-ON CRAFTING A CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE** Learn the basics of chocolate such as tempering, molding and the art of making truffles. Take your creations home. Tues., June 23, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Dancing Lion Chocolate, 917 Elm St., Manchester. Cost is \$65 per person. Visit dancinglion.us. Call 625-4043 for reservations.

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Celery

There's a bakery near my home that's famous not just for its amazing breads, but for its to-die-for sandwiches. I. Cannot. Get. Enough. I would seriously eat here every single day if my wallet and human decency allowed it. They source most of their ingredients locally and they don't sell anything that isn't real, actual food. One of my favorite meals there is a curry chicken salad. Regular chicken salad is so very boring compared to this spin. I had to figure out how to make it myself.

One of the key components to chicken salad is celery. We actually eat quite a bit of celery in my house (what with the potential for chicken salad and/or peanut butter dipping) so I considered growing it in my garden. Upon further inspection, however, I learned it is one tough vegetable to grow! It takes as long as 120 days to grow and, where we live, should be started indoors 8 to 10 weeks before the average frost. It's



the ultimate gardening challenge that I have not taken on yet.

In addition to taking virtually forever to grow, celery does not like high or low temperatures but thrives in sustained mild weather. It also needs to be kept moist constantly. Celery is so high-maintenance.

Once you get your celery at the store (or work and toil for weeks and weeks growing it), you can enjoy the mouth-watering crunch. It has virtually no calories and a friend of mine loves to joke that you actually burn calories while eating it. Celery has some fiber, a little bit of potassium and a smattering of vitamins like C and A. All in all, it's kind of like eating crunchy water. Maybe you'll even burn a few calories?

— Allison Willson Dudas 🍷

Curry Chicken Salad

Serves 4

1 large chicken breast, grilled and shredded
finely into small pieces
¾ cup celery, chopped
½ cup raisins
2-3 tablespoons mayonnaise

1 teaspoon curry powder (this may vary)
½ teaspoon cumin (this may vary)
Salt and pepper, to taste

Mix all ingredients together in a medium bowl. Try and taste along the way to make sure you've added the correct amount of seasonings! Eat as is or on a sandwich.

Make turnovers, palmiers and other pastries made with flaky dough. Fri., June 26, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Finesse Pastries, 968 Elm St., Manchester. Cost is \$75. Call to reserve a space. Email classes@finessepastries.com or visit finessepastries.com.

Author events/lectures

• **CHOCOLATE: THE SECRET INDULGENCE** Part of the summer reading program theme "escape the ordinary," assistant professor of chemistry at Northern Essex Community College Michael Cross will discuss the chemicals in chocolate that bring about reactions in the human brain, as well as learning how to taste chocolate and what kinds are best to eat. Mon., June 29, at 6:30 p.m. Derry Public Library, 64 E. Broadway, Derry. Visit derrypl.org.

Kids cooking classes & workshops

• **COOKING CLASS FOR PRESCHOOLERS** One hour class for 3 to 5 year olds covers one or two recipes and a food-themed story or craft.

Make pasta primavera in May, Hawaiian stuffed sweet potatoes in June, fruit cobbler in July and cinnamon sugar pita bread with creamy watermelon dip in August. Sat., June 20, Fri., July 24, Sat., July 25, Fri., Aug. 21, Sat., Aug. 22. The Culinary Playground, 16 Manning Street, Suite 105, Derry. Cost is \$16 per child. Visit culinary-playground.com.

• **PARENT/CHILD COOKING CLASSES** Father's Day special. Make homemade burger buns with Nomad Bakery master bread maker Cheryl Holbert. While the buns are baking, make a batch of oatmeal cookies with raisins, cherry and chocolate or walnut and apricot. Sun., June 21, from 10 a.m. to noon. The Culinary Playground, 16 Manning Street, Suite 105, Derry. Cost is \$65 per father/grandfather/uncle and child team. Child must be age 6 or older. Visit culinary-playground.com.

Summer farmers markets

• **CONCORD** Sat., May 16, through Oct. 31, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Downtown Concord,

next to the State House, Capitol Street, Concord. Free admission. Credit/debit and SNAP/EBT accepted. See concordfarmers-market.com.

• **WARNER** Featuring produce, wares and more. Sat. May 16, through late Oct., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Warner Town Hall, 5 E. Main St., Warner. Find Warner Area Farmer's Market on Facebook.

• **CONTOOCOOK** Sat., June 6, through Oct., from 9 a.m. to noon. Contoocook Train Depot, 896 Main St., Contoocook. Free admission; bring cash for purchases. Find them on Facebook.

• **HILLSBOROUGH** Sat., May 30 through Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon. Rain or shine. Butler Park, West Main St., Hillsborough. See hillsboroughpride.org.

• **MILFORD** Sat., June 13, through Sat., Oct., 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Granite Town Plaza, Elm St., Route 101A, Milford. SNAP/EBT accepted at individual vendors. See milfordnhfarmersmarket.com or find Milford Farmers Market of NH on Facebook.

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DRINK

Pick a bottle

But not just any bottle

By Stefanie Phillips
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It's no secret that I love shopping for wine, which really just consists of me going up and down the aisles, looking at all of the different wines. When employees ask me if I need assistance, I tell them I am just looking, and I honestly mean it. When I am shopping with someone at a grocery store and I wander off, they always know where to find me.

I recently had a chance to go check out the new New Hampshire Liquor and Wine Outlet at the Hooksett tolls rest area. Wow! This store is huge! Unfortunately, I was on my way somewhere with some friends and had limited time to peruse. But just being in there reminded me how overwhelming the wine buying process is and the challenge winemakers and distributors face when selling their wines. With so many to choose from, how do you decide?

Should you judge a wine by its label?

With a larger store like this one, just looking at the labels can be overwhelming on the eyes. Even when I know what wine I am looking for, finding it can be difficult among the hundreds of other wines lining the shelves. I appreciate that many stores break up their wines into sections, either by geographic region or varietal, but even this doesn't always help me. If I am looking for a sauvignon blanc from Chile, is it in the South American section or the sauvignon blanc section? I typically go by the geographic location first and start scanning the bottles.

One major challenge for our local New Hampshire winemakers is placing their wines on the shelves next to the hundreds of other wines, only to have them get lost in the mix. Even with a "New Hampshire" section clearly marked in a store or an end cap display with descriptions, does the average consumer pick up a bottle if they don't know anything about the wine?

Sometimes the answer is yes, but not all wines can be explained by a label alone, especially if the name or grapes are less common. This is the reason that some New Hampshire wineries have decided not to include their wines on the shelves, opting instead to interact with their guests on a more personal level at the winery. Once you have visited a winery and know they offer something you like, you are much more likely to buy it in a liquor outlet or at the supermarket.

Labels convey a brand, and often con-



sumers buy what they know, which starts with what they can see. This is why Yellow Tail, Sutter Home and Gallo are so popular. They are common, they are recognizable, and people buy them.

Labels can also be fun and add character to a bottle of wine, which may make it more eye-catching on the shelf. But a fun label does not mean the quality, taste and overall experience will be to your liking — or that it is worth the price. I sometimes find myself picking up a bottle of wine with a fun label, but I make an effort to look beyond the name or picture and learn more about it: description, varietal(s), etc. On the flip side, I like buying an Italian wine where I can't read all the writing. As long as I have an idea of what I am getting, I am OK with trying it out.

Try something new

In my experience, many wine drinkers, when shopping for wine, tend not to be overly adventurous. They stick with what they know, and I can't blame anyone for this. When you are spending money on wine, the last thing you want to do is to open it and find out you don't like it. But this is where the education piece comes in, and tasting a variety of wines at a winery or event can really help.

Taste & taste again

The number of wines we have to choose from isn't likely to lessen anytime soon. The key is to taste and taste again. Don't be afraid to try something new or invite a friend to check out a New Hampshire winery. Wine is more than a beverage; it is an experience, and one that should be fun. 🍷

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Ta-Ku, *Songs To Make Up To* (Fool's Gold Records)



Despite the success of this EP's similarly named predecessor *Songs To Break Up To*, Australia's Reggie Matthews all but admits that he isn't quite ready to have his Ta-Ku alias make the jump to full-time beat-making. Matter of fact, he's busying himself with opening a barbershop — like, a hair-cutting place — which is providing one last handy excuse, along with his Instagram photography hobby. But it'll be quite the thing when he

does release a full-length, as the guy has a real gift for making glitchy hip-hop steeped in smoldering Motown chill. Here, "Sunrise/Beautiful" slows down the soft-core jangle of Snoop Dogg's "Beautiful," retrofitting it for Jordan Rakei's vocal interpretation as an earnest chill-ballad. JMSN and Sango point up gospel's close proximity to Bone Thugs in the piano-centric "Love Again." **A** — *Eric W. Saeger*

Roger O'Donnell with Julia Kent, *Love and Other Tragedies* (99X/100 Records)



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PLAYLIST

A seriously abridged compendium of recent and future CD releases

- There is probably still time for you to get tickets for **Lynyrd Skynyrd**, who will bring the classic southern rock on June 27 to Meadowbrook in Gilford. In July, the band will release *One More For The Fans*, a CD/DVD concert extravaganza thing in which many famous rockers and whatnot played old Skynyrd tunes. Guests included Aaron Lewis, Gov't Mule and moe.

- Retro-metal band **High on Fire** is back with a new album, *Luminiferous*. The single for this album is called "The Black Plot." Have you heard this song yet? Man, these guys have changed a bit. They used to be sort of dumbed-down, like a hand-crafted, carefully manufactured Motorhead clone, but this song sounds like early Slayer. That's good, right? Or were all you kids hoping they'd go crunk? Either way, at least that's out of the way, and hopefully we won't have to deal with any "nu-metal" this week, lest I get violently ill.

- Yuck, spoke too soon. Borderline-screamo nitwit Benjamin Burnley can be proud that he is now the only remaining original member of his band, **Breaking Benjamin**, as of the band's new album *Dark Before Dawn*. I'd tell all you nice people about the legal hi-jinx that caused everyone in the band to quit, but Wikipedia can handle that just fine — go look, it's like C-Span meets Spinal Tap. Ha ha, who would have figured that emo-metal bands weren't well-versed in the ins and outs of song ownership and boring stuff like that, huh? But now, let's go listen to the single from this album, which probably sounds exactly the same as the band did before. Yup, it does, the song is called "Failure" and is appropriately titled. Gack, how can people listen to emo-metal?

- English folkie fop **Richard Thompson** may very well be the fedora-hat king, as he insisted on playing Fender guitars during the '60s while everyone else was playing Gibsons, apparently because he considers waking the neighbors to be "not very crick-et," even though being annoying is all rock 'n' roll has going for it, especially now. One of Thompson's hobbies is latching on like a lamprey to whichever artist is considered the hottest and hippest of the current era, such as David Byrne during the 1990s, and so he has hypnotized Wilco's Jeff Tweedy into producing Thompson's 16th album, *Still*. Let's raise a mug of stinky American lager to Thompson, whose lifelong mission — making boring guitar-folk seem cool — has been an inspiration.

- If Honey Boo Boo could grow up to be a cute, skinny 26-year-old who plays at the Grand Ole Opry, she'd be **Kacey Musgraves** (but she can't). Musgraves's fifth album, *Pageant Material*, is probably filled with her usual sort of dreamy bluegrass Americana. — *Eric W. Saeger*

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Nashua library hosts its first-ever ComicFest

By Kelly Sennott
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On Saturday, June 20, the Nashua Public Library holds its inaugural ComicFest, meant to kick off a summer of reading under the national Collaborative Summer Library Program theme “Every Hero has a Story.”

Outreach and community services coordinator Carol Eyman thought interest would be plenty considering the popularity of New Hampshire events like Free Comic Book Day, Granite State Comic Con and Another Anime Convention. Of course, Eyman said it also didn’t hurt that many NPL staff are also comic book fanatics.

“A lot of people interested in comic book culture are also interested in certain types of books, like graphic novels, manga, science fiction and Harry Potter,” Eyman said via phone a couple weeks before the event.

The event, which starts at 10 a.m., will be one of the biggest in NPL history. There are activities and presentations for kids and adults, from panels and workshops to video game tournaments and anime screenings. Cosplayers (fans dressed in comic book/pop culture attire) will be scattered throughout the building, and so will artists and pop culture experts.

Sarah Hodge-Wetherbe, who will present “The Female Perspective in Joss Whedon’s *The Avengers*,” is very happy to see yet another library embracing comic book culture, both as a fan and a librarian herself at the Springfield City Library in Mass.

“I’m a huge proponent in that reading should be fun. I’m 37 years old, and I still like to relax in the bath tub with a good old *Wolverine* comic. It’s no different from loving Stephen King or romance novels,” Hodge-Wetherbe said via phone last week. “There’s some really wonderful stuff happening with libraries and geek culture, and I was delighted to see Nashua was doing something.”

The comic book medium, Hodge-Wetherbe said, is great for kids who are reluctant readers — they’re accessible and can be a gateway into other kinds of reading material. But she also thinks the medium as a whole is a noteworthy way to tell stories, which is why she tours comic book presentations at cons and conventions around the country.

She’s noticed many area libraries have expanded their comic book collections — maybe because of pop culture, maybe because they’re realizing what she did years ago: that they tell some of the same

stories as traditional literature.

“I’ve always been interested in storytelling. I started off as a child and teen interested in folklore and mythology and things along that line,” she said. “As I got older, what I found really interesting is that modern geek culture storytelling has a lot in common with traditional storytelling. When you boil down to the basic components, they’re basically exactly the same. [Comic books] are basically telling the same stories dressed up in different costumes.”

She began these panels through her own interest (see her others at panelsbygeekgal.com). The one she’ll present at Nashua starts at 11 a.m. and discusses why *The Avengers* and other Marvel movies have done just as well with female audiences as male.

Another guest is Matthew Myers, lead singer of the LeetStreet Boys, an otaku band whose YouTube cartoon music videos have millions of hits. The band’s music contains songs about their passion for anime, video games and Japanese culture, and on June 20, Myers will present three panels: “Video Game Music Appreciation” at noon, “Producing Animation” at 1:30 p.m. and “LeetStreet Boys Q&A” at 3:30 p.m.

Myers thinks his animation presentation is especially accessible. He knew nothing before he produced the LeetStreet Boys’ breakout single, “Yuri The Only One” in 2008.

“I had absolutely no background in animation, in terms of the technical side of it, and had no aspirations to be an animation director or producer. I just started on this totally from square one,” Myers said. “[The presentation] talks about how to make a video, the aspects of being a producer, how to come up with ideas and all the different steps involved, from making a storyboard to developing a script, to working with animators overseas.”

Between these events, there will be games, face painting, trivia contests, a concert by Steve Blunt, a mask-making workshop, an “artists’ alley” and, at the end of the day, a Steampunk Fashion show.

“I think we’re all pretty excited we’re going to be able to pull it off,” Eyman said. 🍷

ComicFest

Where: Nashua Public Library, 2 Court St., Nashua, 589-4610

When: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (regular library hours from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. are still in place)

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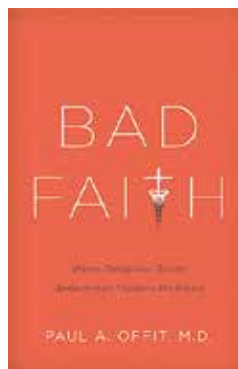
Bad Faith, by Paul A. Offit, M.D. (Basic Books, 198 pages)

In the introduction to *Bad Faith, How Religious Belief Undermines Modern Medicine*, Dr. Paul Offit makes a confession. In researching dozens of cases in which children died when their parents refused medical care because of their faith, he'd expected to sour on organized religion. The opposite occurred.

Offit writes that, instead, he developed respect for the thousands of years of sacred tradition from which both mainstream faith groups and deranged cults grow. "The reader will be surprised to learn that the hero of this book isn't science or medicine or doctors; it's religion," he says before departing into ugly and painful territory that, at times, makes the most fervent disciple consider spending his next Sunday morning reading the best of Christopher Hitchens instead of going to church.

Bad Faith is a well-reported and agonizing enumeration of children who died from easily treatable conditions while their parents shunned doctors in favor of prayer — prayer that went coldly unanswered. The deaths — which many courts have called murders — include a diabetic adolescent whose father heeded a faith healer and convinced his son that he no longer needed insulin, refusing to give it even as the son approached death; a toddler who cut his foot on a piece of glass in his backyard and bled to death (no one fervently praying knew the child suffered from hemophilia); and the 8-year-old autistic boy whose pastor wrapped him in a sheet and performed a two-hour "exorcism" that ended with the child's death by asphyxiation.

Many of the tragic stories are familiar, as



are wide-scale atrocities that made global news: the Kool-Aid drinkers at Jonestown, the Waco parents whose devotion to David Koresh convinced them not only to sacrifice their own lives, but those of their children. Offit relays them dispassionately, in the style of an able news reporter, relying on the terribleness of the facts to make his points without interference of his own point of view. And he does, of course, have one.

Offit is a Philadelphia physician who, despite being chairman of the infectious disease division at Children's Hospital, finds time to write a slew of meticulously researched and engaging books: *Do You Believe in Magic? The Sense and Nonsense of Alternative Medicine*, a takedown of the vitamin and supplement industry; *Autism's False Prophets*; and *Deadly Choices: How the Anti-Vaccine Movement Threatens Us All*.

A co-inventor of the rotavirus vaccine, Offit has been vilified by the anti-vaxxers, who call him a shill for Big Pharma and a "millionaire vaccine industrialist." These people will not like this book any more than his others. Offit, whose day job revolves around vaccines, quickly charges into the topic. He dissects the 1991 measles outbreak in Philadelphia with a surgeon's precision, noting that normally, one out of every 1,000 children will die of the disease; one in 300 in times of outbreak. But in Philadelphia, when measles broke out at a faith-healing church where few people were vaccinated, in February 1991, four of 150 children who contracted measles died. "That's a death rate of one in thirty-five, worse than that found in any developing world country."

While it would seem that these cases are rare and extreme, a disturbing number of church-

es ascribe to the belief that modern medicine is inferior to ancient belief. The big ones are well-known. The Church of Christ, Scientist, was founded by New Hampshire native Mary Baker Eddy, who advocated a "primitive Christianity" and taught that disease was imaginary and can be vanquished with mind control and ethical practices. Jehovah's Witnesses reject life-saving blood transfusions because of a 2,000-year-old Bible verse.

Faith healers and some pastors use passages of the Bible — "Ask and you shall receive," "faith of a mustard seed" and so forth — to convince people that prayer can heal every condition, even death. (There was Lazarus, after all. The father of the diabetic boy, even as he lay dying, decided that the death was God's will and that God was testing his faith and that God would resurrect him. God did not.)

But Offit points out that while 727 verses in the four gospels are related to healing — the New Testament cites 41 instances in which Jesus healed someone — the carpenter from Nazareth was not averse to doctors. He said in Matthew, Mark and Luke, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick." In fact, Offit writes, "Jesus embraced a modern concept of disease," unlike most of his contemporaries, many of whom still practiced infanticide.

He also notes that there are times when "faith healing" does heal. If it did not, these churches and their snake-handling leaders would not persist.

Blind Faith won't convince a faith healer to stop with the back-alley exorcisms and summon a doctor. Nor will it convince an agnostic to take up the cross. For everyone in between, it is evidence that people trying earnestly to be good can do bad things, and a reminder that good intentions mean little when they result in death.

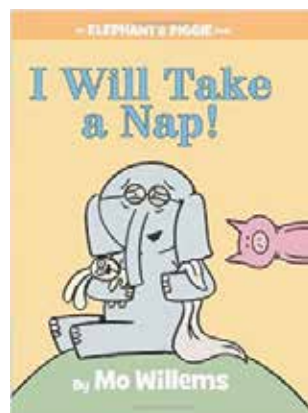
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er Bushnell's latest is a poorly executed attempt at tongue-in-cheek self-awareness that never really comes together."

— Publishers Weekly

Book Report



• Firefighter author:

Firefighting veteran and active member of the Brookline Fire Department Philip Soletsky will talk about his latest book, *Little Girl Lost*, at the Toadstool Bookshop, 12 Depot Square, Peterborough, on Saturday, June 20, at 11 a.m. This is his fourth in a series of books about actual fire calls and training events, though all tales are set within fictional mysteries. At the event, he'll also tell some firefighter stories and sign all books in the series, which also include *Embers*, *A Hard Rain* and *Dirty Little Secrets*. Call 924-3543 for more information.

• **Library fundraiser:** On Feb. 18, a pipe burst inside the Manchester West library, leaving the library a foot underwater. About 17,000 library materials had to be removed along with furniture, computer equipment, wallboard, carpeting and flooring. To help pay for some of those damages, there's a book fair at Barnes & Noble, 1741 S. Willow St., Manchester, 668-0022, this weekend from Thursday, June 18, through Sunday, June 20, during regular store hours. A portion from all sales from people identifying themselves as supporting the library book fair will be donated to those causes. Several authors and writers will also be on hand to sign copies of their books, meet readers and chat about all things publishing. Linda Reilly, author of *Fillet of Murder: Fresh Fish, Foul Play*, will there Thursday, June 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. On Saturday, June 20, from 4 to 6 p.m., Dan Szczesny (Hippo publisher, author of *The Nepal Chronicles* and *The Adventures of Buffalo and Tough Cookie*), Mike Morin (*Fifty Shades of Radio: True Stories of a Morning Radio Guy Being Wired, Tired and Fired*) and John Clayton (chairman of Manchester Historical Society, author of *Remembering Manchester*) will sign and talk about their books. — Kelly Sennott

Books

Author Events

• **FRED MARPLE** Character played by Ken Sheldon reads from new book, *Welcome to Frost Heaves*. Thurs., June 18, at 7 p.m. Fuller Public Library, 29 School St., Hillsborough. Visit townofpeterborough.com, frostheaves.com.

• **SY MONTGOMERY** Signing and discussion of *The Soul of an Octopus: A Playful Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness and The Octopus Scientists*. Thurs., June 18, at 7 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Visit gibsonsbookstore.com, call 224-0562. There's another event Tues., July 7, at 7 p.m. Wilton Public and Gregg Free Library, 7 Forest Road, Wilton.

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• **TINA PACKER** Author talks about *Women of Will: Following the Feminine in Shakespeare's Plays*. Mon., June 22, at 7 p.m. Water Street Bookstore, 125 Water St., Exeter. Visit waterstreetbooks.com.

• **D.E. MORRIS** Author talks about *Age of Valor!* Tues., June 23, at 7 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Visit gibsonsbookstore.com/event, call 224-0562.

• **CHRISTOPHER GOLDEN** Author event about *Tin Men*. Tues., June 23, at 7 p.m. River-Run Bookstore, 142 Fleet St., Portsmouth. Visit riverrunbookstore.com.

• **JOHN SUNUNU** NH former gov. presents his biography of Pres. George H. W. Bush, *The Quiet Man*. Wed., June 24, at 1 p.m. Gibson's Bookstore, 45 S. Main St., Concord. Visit gibsonsbookstore.com, call 224-0562.

There's another event Fri., June 26, at 7 p.m. Water Street Bookstore, 125 Water St., Exeter. Visit waterstreetbooks.com.

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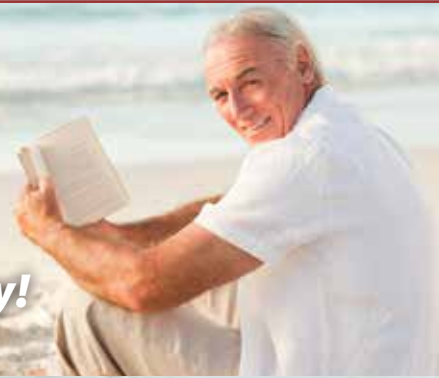
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RED RIVER THEATRES

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• *Far From the Madding Crowd* (PG-13, 2015) Thurs., June 18, at 2:05 & 5:30 p.m.

• *5 Flights Up* (PG-13, 2015) Thurs., June 18, at 8:10 p.m.

• *The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared* (R, 2015) Thurs., June 18, at 2:10 & 6:30 p.m.

• *Love and Mercy* (PG-13, 2015) Thurs., June 18, at 2, 5:25 & 8:05 p.m.; Fri., June 19, at 12:40 & 3:15 p.m.; Sat., June 20, at 12:40, 3:20, 6 & 8:40 p.m.; Sun., June 21, at 12:40, 3:20 & 6 p.m.; Mon., June 22, at 5:25 & 8:05 p.m.; Tues., June 23, at 2, 5:25 & 8:05 p.m.; Wed., June 24, at 5:25 & 8:05 p.m.; & Thurs., June 25, at 2, 5:25 & 8:05 p.m.

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• *Big Hero 6* (PG, 2014) Fri., June 19, at 3 p.m.

• *The Karate Kid* (PG, 1984) Wed., June 24, at 1 p.m.

• *Star Wars: A New Hope* (PG, 2012) Fri., June 26, at 3 p.m.

• *The Boxtrolls* (PG, 2014) Fri., June 26, at 8 p.m.

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6 School St., Peterborough

June 22, at 7 p.m.; Tues., June 23, at 2:10 p.m.

• *Grease* (PG-13, 1978) Fri., June 19, at 6:30 p.m.

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• *The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared* (R, 2013) Thurs., June 18, at 7:30 p.m.

• *Danny Collins* (R, 2015) Thurs., June 18, at 7:30 p.m.

• *Far From the Madding Crowd* (PG-13, 2015) Fri., June 19, through Thurs., June 25, at 7:30 p.m. Additional screenings Sun., June 21, at 2 & 4:30 p.m.

• *Love & Mercy* (PG-13, 2014) Fri., June 19, through Thurs., June 25, at 7:30 p.m. Additional screenings Sun., June 21, at 2 & 4:30 p.m.

• *Mister Roberts* (1955) Sat., June 20, at 4:30 p.m.

• *The Arizona Express* (1924) Sun., June 28, at 4:30 p.m. Silent film with live musical accompaniment by Jeff Rapsis

• *Merchants of Doubt* (PG-13, 2014) Sat., June 20, at 7 p.m.; Wed., June 24, at 7 p.m.; Thurs., June 25, at 7 p.m.

• *Lambert & Stamp* (R, 2014) Fri., June 26, at 7 p.m.; Sat., June 27, at 7 p.m.; Sun., June 28, at 3 p.m.; Tues., June 30, at 7 p.m.; Thurs., July 2, at 7 p.m.

• *Iris* (PG-13, 2014) Fri., June 26, at 7 p.m.; Tues., June 30, at 7 p.m.; Wed., July 1, at 7 p.m.; Thurs., July 2, at 7 p.m.

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THE MUSIC HALL

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• *Salt of the Earth* (PG-13, 2014) Thurs., June 18, at 7 p.m.

• *Gemma Bovery* (R, 2014) Fri., June 19, at 7 p.m.; Sat., June 20, at 7 p.m.; Sun., June 21, at 3 p.m.; Tues., June 23, at 7 p.m.; Wed., June 24, at 7 p.m.

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PRESCOTT PARK ARTS FESTIVAL

105 Marcy St., Portsmouth, 431-8748, prescottpark.org; park opens at 7 p.m., movies start at dusk (8:30 p.m. in July, 7:45 p.m. in August)
• *Jurassic Park* (PG-13, 1993) Mon., June 29

SEACOAST REPERTORY THEATRE

125 Bow St., Portsmouth, NH 03801, 433-4793, seacoastrep.org
• *Nightmare on Elm Street 2: Freddy's Revenge* (R, 1985) Sat., June 20, at 8 p.m., with star of film Mark Patton

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THE ROUND UP

Local music news & events

By Michael Witthaus
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• **Venue redo:** Regular live music including a Wednesday open-mike night are on offer as a Nashua night spot re-opens with a new name. **Amanda McCarthy**, whose bright pop love song “Elephant in the Room” was the *It’s All About The Song!* contest winner at last month’s Southern New England Music Expo, performs a set with support from Ery Cedeno, Ian Ste. Croix and Daniel Kilgour. See Amanda McCarthy on Thursday, June 18, at 9 p.m. at Dolly Shakers, 38 E. Hollis St., Nashua. See on fb.me/1IXsnaF.

• **Dead set:** Even if the hottest ticket of the summer is too rich for your blood, get in the Deadhead spirit with **Alligator Wine**, the fine Grateful Dead cover band led by Rockspring guitarist Chad Verbeck. Enjoy their versions of “Truckin’” and “Touch of Grey” while keeping the thousand or so bucks it costs for *Fare Thee Well* shows in Chicago and California. See Alligator Wine on Friday, June 19, at 8 p.m. at Thirsty Turtle, 8 Temple St., Nashua. See facebook.com/ThirstyTurtleTavernNashua.

• **Comeback kid:** Legendary harp player **James Montgomery** is joined by singer-songwriter **Kerri Powers**, something of an up and comer. Powers is a talented singer-songwriter who hit the scene 20 years ago only to disappear into family life. With rootsy, heartfelt songs like “Old Shirt” (a metaphor for lost love), hers is a welcome return. See James Montgomery and Kerri Powers on Saturday, June 13, at 8 p.m. at Tupelo Music Hall, 2 Young Road, Londonderry. Tickets \$25-\$35 at tupelohall.com

• **Triple down:** With hits like “Fix Me” and the recently released “Miscellanea,” 10 Years is a fixture on the alternative rock scene. The band tops a triple bill in Manchester with support from Islander and Starset. The latter band is enjoying a lot of success with the single “My Demons” and a tour with Breaking Benjamin set to kick off next month. See 10 Years on Sunday, June 21, at 6 p.m. at Jewel Nightclub, 61 Canal St., Manchester. Tickets for the 21+ show are \$23 at ticketfly.com

• **Decked out:** Summer has officially arrived, and music al fresco is in the air. **MB Padfield** holds down a Monday residency on the deck of a Manchester restaurant/bar that offers live entertainment seven days a week and two acts a night on the weekend (indoors and outdoors). Padfield is a crowd-pleasing singer and guitarist with a solid catalog of covers. See MB Padfield on Monday, June 22, at 6 p.m. at The Derryfield, 625 Mammoth Road, Manchester, 623-2880.

Want more ideas for a fun night out? Check out **Hippo Scout**, available via the Apple App Store, Google Play and online at hipposcout.com.

NITE Sound weekend

Region’s best at Granite State Music Festival

By Michael Witthaus
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Now in its fourth year, the Granite State Music Festival is a two-day celebration of New Hampshire music and arts, with an assist from regional talent and a national headliner the cherry atop an entertainment sundae. The 2015 edition happens Saturday, June 20, and Sunday, June 21, with a local focus even stronger than past events.

American Idol sensation and Derry native Alex Preston tops the bill on Day 1. Amy Helm & The Handsome Strangers will close out the weekend with a set featuring songs from her eagerly anticipated debut solo album. Helm is a founding member of roots band Ollabelle and daughter of Band legend Levon.

Attendees of last April’s New England Music Awards will have a sense of déjà vu on Saturday — the lineup is a who’s who of winners and nominees. Soulful rocker Ben Knight kicks off the festival with a Saturday noon performance, followed by Lizzy Marella; both are Best New Act shortlisters. Best in New Hampshire band Gretchen & the Pickpockets play midday, with Best Not Broken, also nominated in that category, following.

The lead-in to Preston’s closing set is Rock Act of the Year We Were Astronauts and Pop Act of the Year Pat & the Hats, with double winner Will Dailey (Album and Song of the Year) playing in between.

NEMA representation continues Sunday with nominees Freevolt, winners Dusty Gray Band, and past champs Mallet Brothers Band playing the penultimate set. Earlier in the day, Male Performer of

Granite State Music Festival

When: Saturday, June 20, and Sunday, June 21

Where: Kiwanis Waterfront Park, 15 Loudon Road, Concord

Tickets: \$40/weekend, \$25/single day; kids under 17 half price with adult ticket purchase

More: gsmfest.org for full lineup and schedule

Night Life Music, Comedy & Parties

• **JOSH LOGAN / ACOUSTIC TRIO** at MacGregor Park (East Broadway, Derry 432-6136) on Thursday, June 18, 7 p.m. The Voice Season 5 finalist from Team Christina iKicks off the Derry series with infectious and soulful vocalty.

• **JAKE DAVIS & THE WHISEY**

STONES at Main Street BookEnds (16 E. Main St., Warner 456-2700) on Friday, June 19, 6 p.m. Jake shares his food for thought with his whiskey soaked, gravely voice, an acoustic guitar, and some foot percussion.

• **COUNTRY NIGHT ,WITH DJ TED RAZZ** at Rockingham Ballroom (22 Ash Swamp Road, New-

market 659-4410) on Friday, June 19, 7:30 p.m. \$10 at the door, full cash bar and snacks available, country music dancing at this ballroom dancing hub.

• **WAYWARD SOUNDS: COLIN STETSON / SARAH NEUFELD DUO W/ RYAN SAWYER** at 3S Artspace (319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth 766-3330) on Friday, June 19,

9 p.m. \$18 - Two of Constellation’s acclaimed solo instrumental artists join forces.

• **COMMUNITY COFFEE-HOUSE** at Grange Hall (State Route 11 & Chase Hill Road, East Andover 735-5135) on Friday, Jun. 19, 7 p.m. Accomplished NH musicians, singer/songwriters, and performers Decatur Creek headline the program of per-



Dan Blakeslee. Courtesy photo.

the Year Dan Blakeslee will entertain the crowd.

Blakeslee is a 20-year veteran of the regional scene. Born and raised in South Berwick, Maine, he cut his teeth playing Seacoast clubs. An inveterate busker, he will turn up on a subway platform or a street corner as quickly as a room like the Blue Mermaid or Salt hill Pub. Recently, he played a unique hybrid of the two.

Porch Fest is an annual event in his home town of Somerville, Mass., with neighborhood residents providing ad hoc stages for pop-up performances. In early years, 10 to 20 people showed up for the roaming performances. This year, crowds were in the hundreds.

“That was so amazing, oh my God,” Blakeslee said in a recent phone interview. “There are 250 or more porches in Somerville and a lot of people that host are musicians ... there were groups with maps walking around; this year was over the top.”

The rootsy singer/songwriter’s NEMA win follows a prize for Best Folk Act at last year’s Boston Music Awards.

“It blew me away, I had no clue it was coming; it kind of freaked me out,” said Blakeslee of his most recent feat. “I really got emotional inside. It’s been such a long journey [and] it’s nice when this happens once in a while to let you know you are on the right path and affecting people.”

Blakeslee is both a musician and a visual artist; he’s drawn album covers, posters and T-shirts. He’s perhaps best-known for the exploding head logo adorning cans of Heady Topper IPA, the world’s cultiest beer. His lithographs hang in galleries, homes and nightclubs throughout the region.

The lifestyle is both rewarding and draining.

“I’m so incredibly grateful and thankful, but you still have to work really, really hard,” said Blakeslee. “I used to go to bed at 3 or 4 a.m. and get up at 10 to start in again. ... I have the dual career — full-time art and full-time music — so that’s sort of like an overtime thing with both. I do 60 hours of music in a week, and at least 40 for the art.”

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formers at the June edition, followed by open mic.

- **DON WATSON** at Spieside Coffee House (6 Stark Highway North, Dunbarton 744-4601) on Saturday, June 20, 7:30 p.m. \$5 suggested donation - His music has been compared to John Denver, Jim Croce and Dan Fogelberg. Doors open and Open Mic signups start at 7.
- **BALLROOM DANCE NIGHT** at Rockingham Ballroom (22 Ash Swamp Road, Newmarket 659-4410) on Saturday, June 20, 7:30 p.m. Live music with the Don Altobello Band, doors open at 7:00pm, music and dancing - \$14/per person, full cash bar available, reservations suggested.

- **DALE'S JAZZ LAB/SHOE SHOW** at Bedrock Gardens (45 High Rd, Lee 659-2993) on Saturday, June 20, 12 p.m. Open house with music at beautiful destination garden.
- **WAYWARD SOUNDS: LE RÉVÉLATEUR** at 3S Artspace (319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth 766-3330) on Saturday, June 20, 9 p.m. \$16 - Live Score by Mary Lattimore & Jeff Zeigler + Chris Corsano
- **BRAD MYRICK** at Farmer's Market (896 Main St., Contoocook 748-3018) on Saturday, June 20, noon.
- **STORMY WINDS/SHOE SHOW** at Bedrock Gardens (45 High Rd, Lee 659-2993) on Sunday, June 21, noon Irish

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- **WAYWARD SOUNDS: JESSICA PRATT W/ RYLEY WALKER** at 3S Artspace (319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth 766-3330) on Sunday, June 21, 9 p.m. \$14 - Pratt is a gifted young singer with her own musical logic; Ryley Walker is the reincarnation of the true American guitar player..
- **WAYWARD SOUNDS: LOWER DENS W/ GEM CLUB** at 3S Artspace (319 Vaughan St., Portsmouth 766-3330) on Monday, June 22, 9 p.m. \$12 - Gem Club creates music that is intimate, graceful, and filled with melancholy.



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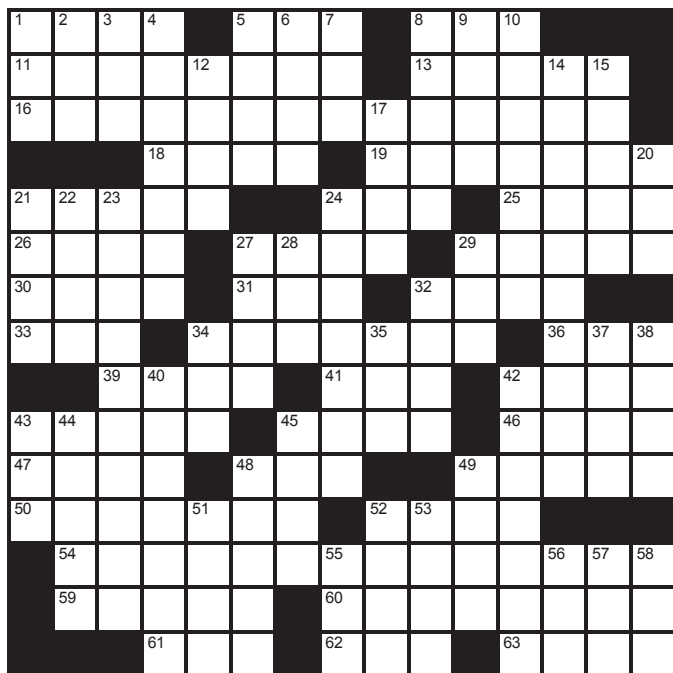
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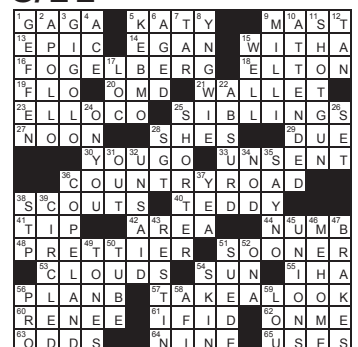
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19. Slayer 'Human
21. 70s star Cassidy
24. 'Zip-Lock' rockers
25. John Lennon 'Happy Xmas (War Is
26. Young Dubliners 'A Of Brown



Eyes

27. Paul Rodgers 'All Right Now' band
29. Billy Joel 'The Downeaster
30. Macy Gray smash (1,3)
31. Umphrey's McGee song for the dinner table?
32. Parsons of the Flying Burrito Brothers
33. Tour profit
34. '01 Eric Clapton album
36. Brian that did 'Wrong Way Up' w/ John Cale
39. Like unwritten management deal
41. UK band All About
42. Hall & Oates 'Big Bam
43. What guitar got before show
45. Jack White stand-up bassist Davies
46. Pear shaped classical guitar
47. Troy 'Bet

6/11



48. Chuck Berry enemy
49. Sometime heavy metal subject
50. Ry Cooder 'How Can You Keep Moving (Unless You Too)
52. British Sea Power song about a small particle?
54. UK post-punk 'Hounds Of Love' band (3,11)
59. New Kids/New Edition producer Maurice
60. Female stars, to little girls
61. Tour freight weight unit
62. Icelandic rockers that got named after common sandwich?
63. Cult 'Full

Down

1. More, to Mana
2. R&B singer/Fresh Prince Of Bel Air star Tatyana
3. Tour semi
4. Green Day '21st Breakdown'
5. Pavement 'I'm on a can't turn back'
6. U2 'Luminous Times (Hold Love) (2,2)
7. Ozzfest band Drain
8. Eric Clapton 'Rain' (3,2)
9. Jon Butcher 'Along The
10. Return To Forever guitarist Al (2,5)
12. Haircut 100 'High
14. Damien Rice 'w/the waste, this is not what I do' (5,2,3)
15. Alison Moyet song about native east England county
17. Sedgwick on Dramarama's 'Cinema

Verite' cover

20. Queens Of The Stone Age 'Vulgaris'
21. Rolling Stone magazine alternative
22. Def Leppard 'When Love And Collide'
23. Phil Collins 'In The' (3,7)
24. Wilco 'Box Full Of
27. Kid Rock 'Somebody's Gotta This'
28. Genre rocker might not like
29. fun. hit 'We Young'
32. Country's 'Gentle On My Mind' Campbell
34. 80s skater movie 'Send Me An Angel' was theme song in
35. Jonas Brothers 'Poison
37. Falling In Reverse 'I'm Vampire' (3,1)
38. '10 Soulfly album that foreshadows?
40. What you do when fight breaks out in front of you
42. Milli Vanilli 'On The Rain' (5,2)
43. Singer Tutone, for short
44. Bands w/comraderie
45. "Rock Of Love" Michaels
48. Christina Aguilera 'To You' (1,4)
49. Where Phil Lynott went 'Solo'
51. Retro rocker do
52. Practice space
53. Record contract course
55. Boyz II Men 'Ahh'
56. Acoustic performer DiFranco
57. 'Runaway' singer Shannon
58. Hardcore record label

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Racks: Blues Jam, Steve Devine

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Fat Belly's: DJ Flex
Press Room: Dangermuffin
Red Door: People Skills/Lady
Bones/Snoozer/AD.UL.T
Rudi's: Nick Goumas & John
Funkhouser
Thirsty Moose: Jon King Band

Windham
Common Man: Kim Riley

Friday, June 19
Belmont
Lakes Region Casino: DJ Russ

Boscawen
Alan's: Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki
Duo

Bristol
Purple Pit: David Thorne Scott
& Mark Shilansky

Concord
Cheers: Frenchie
Makris: Alan Roux, Living Deads
(Big Air Jumps & Stunts Show)
Pit Road Lounge: Max Voltage
Tandy's: DJ Iceman Streetz

Contoocook
Covered Bridge: Don Bartenstein

Derry
Drae: Joel Cage

Dover
Asia: DJ Shadow Walker
Cara: Club night, DJ Shawwny O
Fury's Publick House: Amulus
Top of the Chop: Funkadelic
Fridays

Epping
Holy Grail: Jim Danet
Telly's: Steve Sibulkin

Gilford
Patrick's: Chuck Kelsey

Goffstown
Village Trestle: Gardner Berry

Hampton
Bernie's: Happy Accident
Boardwalk Inn: The Replicas
The Goat: American Ride Duo
North Beach: Wooden Nickels

Savory Square: Dave Gerard
Sea Ketch: Ross McGinnes/
Doug Mitchell
Wally's Pub: Among the Living

Hanover
Canoe Club: Ed Eastridge & Ted
Mortimer
Salt Hill: Winnie DiBernardo

Hillsborough
Mama McDonough's: Scott
Snake Miller and The Helljacks

Hillsborough
Turismo: Rite of Red

Laconia
Naswa: Eric Grant Band
Paradise: The Bars/Tigerlilly/
Chris Lester/Deja Voodoo
Pitman's: Chris O'Leary Blues

Lebanon
Salt Hill Pub: Conniption Fits

Londonderry
Coach Stop: Kieran McNally
Whippersnappers: Monkeys
With Hammers

Manchester
Central Ale House: DJ Vicious/
DJ SP1 Mother Funkin Fridays
City Sports Grille: Plan B
Club 313: DJ Bob
Derryfield: Nimbus 9/John Ridlon
Drynk: DJs Jason Spivak &
Sammy Smoove
Fratello's: JD Ingalls
ManchVegas: Walkin' The Line
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Murphy's: Whiskey Tango/Brad
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N'awlins Grille: Brickyard Blues
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Raxx: DJ Mike
Shaskeen: Ces Cru (Strange Music)
Strange Brew: Seldom Playrights
Tin Roof: Fridays With Frydae
Wild Rover: Jimmy & Marcelle
Zaboo: Dueling Pianos

Merrimack
Homestead: Jeff Mrozek

Milford
Tiebreakers: Rich Kumpu

Nashua
110 Grill: Sandy Spence
Country Tavern: Tom Rousseau
Haluwa: Terminal Velocity
Peddler's Daughter: Queen City
Soul
Riverwalk: Ervin Dhimo Trio

Thirsty Turtle: Alligator Wine

New Boston
Molly's: Morgan and Pete/John
Chouinard

Newbury
Salt Hill Pub: Squids

Newmarket
Stone Church: Gray Davies /
Hotbox / Iguana Defu_nct,
Courtney Yasminch early

Newport
Salt Hill Pub: Blues Double Bill

Peterborough
Harlow's: Ghosts of Jupiter

Plaistow
Crow's Nest: Off Duty Angels

Portsmouth
Blue Mermaid: Steve Haidaichuck
Dolphin Striker: Amorphous Band
Grill 28: Scotchie
Martingale: Los Sugar Kings
Oar House: Bob Arens
Portsmouth Book & Bar: Sarah
Borges
Portsmouth Gaslight: Drew
Yount Band/DJ Koko P/Brad
Bosse/Sev
Press Room: Dub Apocalypse
Red Door: Jon Merwin
Rudi's: Dimitri & Guest
Thirsty Moose: Fighting Friday

Rochester
Radloff's: Dancing Madly
Backwards Duo

Seabrook
Chop Shop: Live Bullet

Suncook
Olympus Pizza: Nicole Knox
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The Local: Jen Whitmore/
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Back Room: Starlight Honeys

Concord
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Portsmouth
Music Hall: Juston
McKinney

Saturday, June 20
Bristol
Purple Pit: Rob Steen/
Steve Guilmette/Matt Barry

Laconia
Pitman's: Rick D'Elia/
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Manchester
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Drae: Jen Whitmore

Dover

Asia: DJ Shadow Walker
Cara: Club night, DJ Shawnny O
Fury's: Badwolf
Sonny's: American Werewolf/
Genuine Rust (reunion)

Epping

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Loudon

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Manchester

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City Sports: Cold Comfort
Club 313: Divas Gone Wild w/
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day/MB Padfield Duo (Deck)
Fratello's: Jeff Mrozek
Jewel: Michael Sweet

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Massacre
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Newbury

Salt Hill Pub: Elijah Rock

Newmarket

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Portsmouth

Blue Mermaid: Double Take
Demeters: Chris O'Neill &
Gina Alibrio
Dolphin Striker: Now is Now
Fat Belly's: DJ Provo
Hilton: Cormac McCarthy
Martingale: Paul Rainone Duo
Oar House: Don Severance
Portsmouth Gaslight: Jimmy
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colm Salls
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dore
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Rudi's: Jarod Steer Trio
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Sunday, June 21

Bedford

Copper Door: Chelsey Carter

Claremont
Common Man: Keidre

Concord

Cheers: Frenchie
Hermanos: Eric Chase
Makris: Alan Roux (Big Air
Jumps & Stunts Show)

Dover

Cara: Irish Session w/ Carol
Coronis & Ramona Connelly
Dover Brickhouse: Jazz Brunch
Sonny's: Jazz Workshop

Goffstown

Village Trestle: Blues Jam

Hampton

Bernie's: Elementary
Boardwalk: John "Shorty" Hill
North Beach: Rippin' E Brakes
Duo
Sea Ketch: Tony Santesse / Ray
Zerkle
The Goat: Greg Guba

Hanover

Canoe Club: Keith Bush

Hillsborough

Mama McDonough's: Brad Bosse

Londonderry

Whippersnappers: TBA

Manchester

Derryfield: Chad LaMarsh Solo
Drynk: Beach Bash w/ Sammy
Smooove
Jewel: 10 Years
Murphy's: Sinatra Sunday/Fred
Ellsworth Duo
Shaskeen: Rap, Industry night
Strange Brew: One Big Soul -
Sit Session

Meredith

Giuseppe's: Open Stage

Nashua

110 Grill: Carlos V Ramos
Burton's Grill: Aaron Chase

New Boston

Molly's: Three for the Taking

Newbury

Salt Hill Pub: Toby Moore

Portsmouth

British Beer: Bloody Blues
Brunch
Dolphin Striker: Tommy and
The Puffs
Portsmouth Gaslight: Paul
Rainone/Bolt Hill Bluegrass
Red Door: Green Lion Crew
Rudi's: Jazz Brunch w/ Ms.
Sharon Jones 10-2

Rochester

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Monday, June 22

Concord

Hermanos: Eric Chase

Hampton

Boardwalk Inn: Joe Young

Sea Ketch: JD Ingalls/Ray Zerkle

Hanover

Canoe: Marko The Magician

Londonderry

Whippersnappers: Monday's Muse - Lisa Guyer w/ guest

Manchester

Derryfield: MB Padfield (Deck)

Fratello's: Rob Wolfe or Phil Jacques

Murphy's: Brad Bosse

Merrimack

Homestead: Chris Cavanaugh

Newmarket

Stone Church: Wild Eagle Blues Band

Portsmouth

Dolphin Striker: Old School

Press Room: Future Memory

Red Door: Sweet Wednesday/Sterling/The Frequencies

Ri Ra: Oran Mor

Tuesday, June 23

Concord

Hermanos: Rob Wolfe

Dover

Fury's: Tim Theriault

Sonny's: Soggy Po' Boys

Hampton

Boardwalk: Barry Arvin Young

Hampton

Sea Ketch: Steve Tolley / Leo and Co

Hanover

Canoe: Lydia Gray & Ed Eastridge

Londonderry

Whippersnappers: VJ Mark/DJ Dave

Manchester

Derryfield: Brad Bosse (Deck)

Drynck: Sammy Smoove & DJ Gera

Fratello's: Kim Riley

Milly's: Manchuka

Murphy's: Chelsey Carter

Raxx: DJ Mike

Shaskeen: Tristan Omand

Strange Brew: Strange Brew All-Stars

Merrimack

Homestead: Paul Luff

Nashua

110 Grill: Jeff Mrozek

Newmarket

Stone Church: Bluegrass Jam w/Dave Talmage

Peterborough

Harlow's: Celtic Music Night

Portsmouth

Blue Mermaid: Seldom

Playrights (Hank & Cash)

Dolphin Striker: Pete Peterson

Press Room: Larry Garland Jazz Jam

Wednesday, June 24

Concord

Hermanos: Times Two

Dover

Fury's: Gretchen & the Pickpockets

Epping

Tortilla Flat: MB Padfield

Gilford

Patrick's: DJ Megan

Hampton

Sea Ketch: Ross McGinnes / Leo and Co

Hanover

Canoe Club: Randall Mullen

Manchester

Derryfield: Paul Rainone

Fratello's: Jeff Mrozek

Milly's: Copacabana Salsa Night

Murphy's: Steve Haidaichuk

Strange Brew: David Rousseau

Tin Roof: DJ Vicious

Zaboo: Dance Music w/ Guest DJs

Merrimack

Homestead: Chris Lester

Tortilla Flat: Ali Rapetti

Nashua

Country Tavern: Charlie Chronopolous Jam

Portsmouth

Dolphin Striker: Jon Plaza

Press Room: Stooges Brass Band

Red Door: Red On Red w/ Eavredy (Ladies Night)

Ri Ra: Erin's Guild

Rudi's: Dimitri Solo Piano

Thirsty Moose: Hot Like Fire

Rochester

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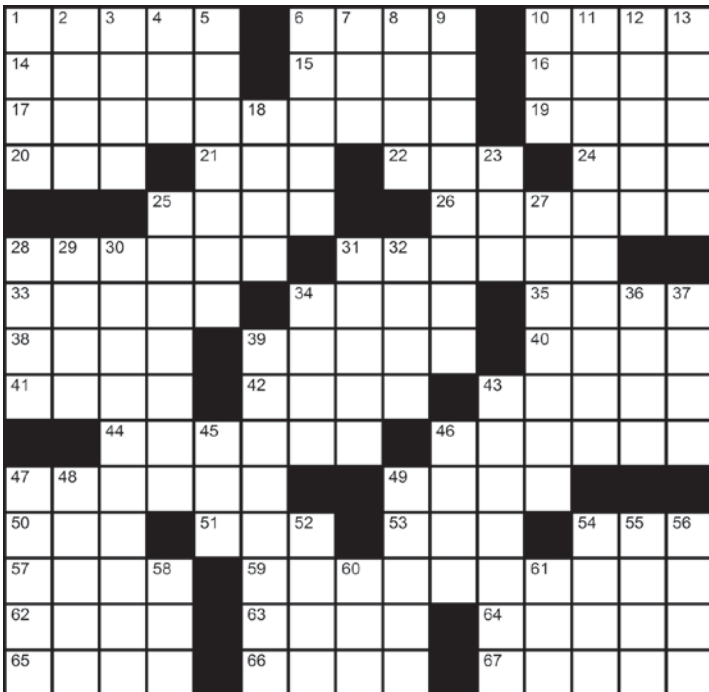
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"They're All Here" — so let's all jump in

Across

- 1 Get a whiff of
6 Londoner, e.g., informally
10 Open a crack
14 Portraitist's prop
15 Norse trickster of myth
16 Adidas rival
17 Wire worker
19 Tip jar bills
20 TP layer
21 Like some hours
22 Electric toothbrush battery size, maybe
24 Bankbook amt.
25 Zooey's "New Girl" role
26 Drink in the morning



- 28 Former Israeli P.M. Ehud

- 31 Less partisan
33 Big one
34 1984 hit for ZZ Top
35 Popeye's Olive and family
38 Catch a few z's
39 Gang of characters seen in the four longest answers
40 Watery, like tea
41 Attain peas?
42 "Mystery!" host Diana
43 Arabian Peninsula native
44 Belter on Broadway
46 Cathedral toppers
47 More majestic
49 Candy bar served in twos
50 Hive-minded prefix?
51 Keanu's role in "The Matrix"
53 "Star Wars" figure

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- 54 "___: Cyber"
57 "Read before posting anything" pages
59 Live through a hot day with no A.C., say
62 Make even
63 Pinball disaster
64 Alberta NHLer
65 "... with ___-foot pole!"
66 Dos + dos + dos
67 Smartly dressed

Down

- 1 FIFA president Blatter
2 Do perfectly
3 "___ it's duck season ...": Daffy Duck
4 Boggy land
5 Embellished, as prose
6 B.B. King played them
7 Infomercial inventor Popeil
8 Store with multilingual product tags
9 Dessert topped with a powder
10 G.I. mail center
11 When college transfers often begin
12 Agreements from the pews
13 Many a reggae player
18 Word after standardized or stress
23 Ventilate
25 Blog with the tagline "Celebrity,

- Sex, Fashion for Women. Without Airbrushing"
27 "Cats ask for it by name" brand
28 Preakness postings
29 Do some pirating
30 Neighbor of South Africa
31 Pretend to have
32 Worked up
34 "Star Wars" figure
36 Lois of the Daily Planet
37 Street wear?
39 They may be unwillingly shared on airplanes
43 That's what YOU think
45 Cartoon dog surnamed Hoek
46 Hit flies
47 Hot topic of the 1992 presidential campaign
48 The painting in Roger Sterling's office on "Mad Men", for example
49 "___ how I roll"
52 Honey of a boo-boo
54 Mare's child
55 Bird feeder block
56 "Just doin' my job ..."
58 Hill worker, for short
60 Peyton Manning's brother
61 ___ Maria (coffee liqueur)

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All quotes are from *Awake in the Dark: The Best of Roger Ebert*, by Roger Ebert, born June 18, 1942.

Gemini (May 21 – June 20) For a kid in grade school, going to the movies was one of the few acts in life that you could undertake entirely on your own. You chose your own seat. You ate your own popcorn. You lived out the adventures on the screen with an intensity that no later masterpiece by Steven Spielberg or George Lucas would ever equal. Eat your own popcorn.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22) One thing that happens, again and again, is that people's assumptions prevent them from seeing the actual person standing before them. (Crash, 2005). Don't let that happen.

Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) If Hollywood has to choose between the loss of artistic integrity and the loss of a ticket sale, integrity loses in a flash. Choose artistic integrity.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) What is happening here seems to be endemic in a lot of American journalism: people read the papers not in the hopes of learning something new, but in the expectation of being told what they already know. You may learn something new.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) Oh, what a lovely film. I was almost hugging myself while I watched it. (Almost Famous, 2000) Go ahead, give yourself a nice big hug.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) The big difference between today's dialogue and the dialogue of years ago is that the characters have grown stupid. It's not so much that others have grown stupid as that you have grown wiser. You'll need to be patient.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) Anyone my age can remember walking into a movie

palace where the ceiling was far overhead, and balconies and mezzanines reached away into the shadows. We remember the sound of two thousand people laughing all at once. And the screens the size of billboards, so high off the floor that every seat in the house was a good seat. Today you walk into a shoebox and peer around the head of the person in front of you, and in the quiet moments you can hear the sound effects from the movie next door, right through the wall. Go for quality.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) Someday, Steven Spielberg will win his Oscar. ("That's the Way it is: The Color Purple and the Oscars," 1986). Just keep plugging away.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) Today students are on a 'career path' beginning almost in grade school, but I must truthfully say my only object in attending college was to take literature classes because they were fun. Forget the path. Enjoy the moment.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) You can only see a movie for the first time once. This is true, and worth remembering, but sometimes the second time is even better or at least as good, right?

Aries (March 21 – April 19) A film like *Hoop Dreams* is what the movies are for. It takes us, shakes us, and makes us think in new ways about the world around us. Think in new ways.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) To watch [Fargo] is to experience steadily mounting delight, as you realize the filmmakers have taken enormous risks, gotten away with them, and made a movie that is completely original, and as familiar as an old shoe.... Films like *Fargo* are why I love the movies. You have a chance to make something original.

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By Dave Green

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SUDOKU

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. Last week's puzzle answers are below

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Living small

Apartment buyers in ridiculously expensive Hong Kong are now eagerly paying up to the equivalent of \$500,000 (U.S.) for units not much bigger than a U.S. parking space (and typically physically self-measured by the applicant's wing-span). An agent told The Wall Street Journal in June that, for example, standard furniture does not fit the units and that having guests over requires sitting on the window sill. (The Journal pointed out that a typical such "mosquito" apartment unit in Hong Kong is 180 square feet, way smaller than the 304 of a basketball court's "lane" subject to a "3-second" violation.) A government lottery for subsidized units rewards barely one of every 100 applicants.

The entrepreneurial spirit

In May, Texas health officials shut down the flea market sales of sonogram DVDs at Leticia Trujillo's stall at San Antonio's Traders Village. Though the nature of the equipment was not described in news reports, sonograms can be produced only under a doctor's prescription and by licensed personnel, but pregnant flea market customers underwent a procedure ("just like a doctor's office," said Trujillo) that yielded a 12-minute DVD image, along with photos, for \$35 that Trujillo subsequently defended as for "entertainment" purposes only and for those without health insurance.

Ironies

According to Nathan Hoffman's lawsuit, he was prepped for eye surgery that day in May 2014 when the clinic employee handed him a small-lettered liability-limitation form to sign. He was told that the surgery at the LASIK Vision Institute in Lake Oswego, Oregon, could not proceed without a signature, and despite hazy vision, he reluctantly relented, but things went badly. The form limits lawsuit damages to a money-back \$2,500, but Hoffman demands at least \$7,500 (to cover the so-far two additional surgeries elsewhere to correct LVI's alleged errors).

The continuing crisis

America (sometimes called a land of "second chances") gave stockbroker Jerry Cicolani Jr., 69 such chances, before he pleaded guilty in May to selling unregistered securities setting up his first overt punishment despite a history of 60-some client complaints made to his then-employer, Merrill Lynch, between 1991 and 2010. The stockbrokers' self-regulating arm (Financial Industry Regulatory Authority) has finally revoked his license, but issued a statement acknowledging that it needed to improve its monitoring.

Weird science

Among caterpillars' natural defenses against being devoured by birds is their ability to contort themselves into odd shapes for disguise perhaps most ingeniously (according to researchers writing in the current Animal Behaviour journal) as bird droppings. The authors created artificial dough-based squiggles that were either straight (resembling the caterpillar) or bent (to resemble poop), and found that birds zeroed in on the straight ones about three times as often.

Least competent criminals

Notwithstanding the suggestion in movies, stealing a 200-pound floor model safe is a very low-return crime, as the February arrest of three pals in Kingsport, Tennessee, illustrated. After struggling to load the safe into a car's trunk (accidentally shattering the back window), they drove to one's apartment, but police were called when neighbors saw the safe being dragged across a parking lot in the middle of the night. (During the trip, it fell onto one perp's foot.) Police, following gouge marks, visited the apartment and spotted the safe, as yet unopened, in the middle of the kitchen. (Police: Why do you gentlemen have a safe? Perp: We found it in an alley.) Police opened it. It was empty.

Just another day in court

It started in 2008, when one of Tampa Bay's two nastiest radio "shock jocks," Todd Schnitt, sued the other, Bubba the Love Sponge Clem, for defamation. With depositions underway in 2013, according to reporting by the Tampa Bay Times, Schnitt's lawyer, Philip Campbell, unwinding in a bar, was hit on by a perky young paralegal

who (unknown to him) worked for Bubba's lawyer's firm. After several drinks, she exaggerated inebriation, angling for Campbell to drive her home. According to charges by the Florida Bar Association, the paralegal's boss called a Tampa cop to trail Campbell who, sure enough, witnessed the car weaving, and thus arrested Campbell for DUI. (Bonus: Campbell's work-packed briefcase went missing in the traffic stop.) Bubba himself was not implicated, and the disciplinary charges against the lawyers, pending in June 2015, are creating suspense about which of them might take the fall.

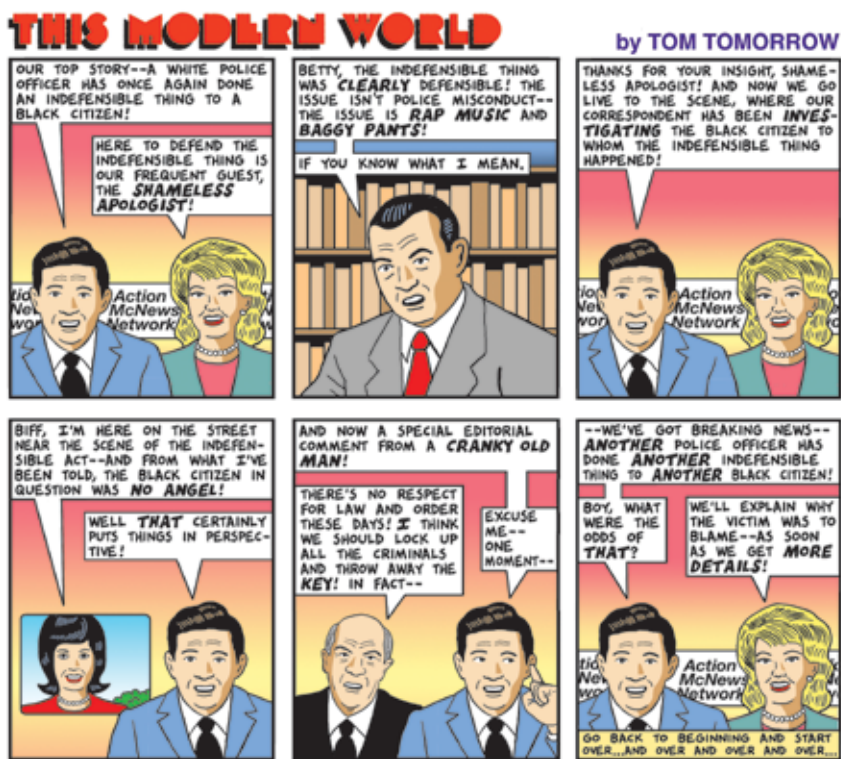
From the Third-World Press

Kenya's The Standard reported the May proclamation by prominent Nairobi lawyer Felix Kiprono that he had fallen in love (long distance) with Malia Obama (who is, famously, part-Kenyan) and is prepared to offer President Obama 50 cows, 70 sheep and 30 goats in exchange for her hand. "If my request is granted," he said, he would not "resort to the cliché of popping champagne" but rather would "surprise (Malia) with mursik, the traditional Kalenjin sour milk," and affix the "sacred plant," sinendet, queen-like, around her head.

A News of the Weird classic (March 2011)

The Redneck Chronicles: Timothy Walker, 48, was hospitalized in Burlington, North Carolina, in February (2011) after he fell off the top of an SUV while holding down two mattresses for the driver, who apparently rounded a curve too fast.

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